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Briefly

Social meeting

A Granite City Seniors Social Club meeting, to be followed by games, will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Township Hall. Cake and coffee will be served. The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Township Hall.

Road rules class

Secretary of State George H. Ryan is offering a Rules of the Road review course, Monday for all citizens in the Granite City area. It is free to everyone, any age, who wishes to attend.

The two-hour course answers questions about road rules to assist participants in preparing for license examination. Topics include written, vision and road tests.

The class will be held at the Granite City Township Hall, 2060 Delmar Ave., from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday. For more information, the number is 797-4373.

Ban on smoking?

The American Lung Association of Illinois is recommending that cigarette and cigar smoking be banned in all public places and in the workplace, citing a study that says second-hand smoke causes cancer in non-smokers. An article is on Page 6A of today's issue.

Worker training

Through cooperation between the public and private sectors in Illinois, technological training will be provided for 7,700 workers. See Page 7A.

Deaths

Marie Bertacchi
Roy K. Graham
Elizabeth Ramsey
Mike Segedy Jr.
Quentin Shannon
Anthony Simura
Edna Smith

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Lottery

Results in Illinois were:
Jan. 20, 7:30; Pick 4: 3-2-0-9
Little Lotto Game
06-12-14-24-31
Lotto Game
20-32-37-38-44-46
ROLL OVER (No one matched all six numbers so an estimated \$2 million jackpot rolls over.)
Jan. 19, 8:10; Pick 4: 3-4-2-6
Jan. 18, 1:10; Pick 4: 0-6-5-4
Little Lotto Game
06-19-25-32-34
Jan. 17, 0:55; Pick 4: 6-6-0-2
Jan. 16, 3:45; Pick 4: 4-3-1-4
Lotto Game
04-06-16-36-43

75 years ago

Jan. 19, 1918
The 10-year-old BPO Elks Lodge 1063 held a building dedication. The main floor includes a ladies parlor with an electric piano, dressing tables, card tables, writing desks, a library and banquet room. The second floor has a lodge hall and dance floor. The basement includes a rathskeller and billiard rooms.

Trivia

How many workers marched in the 1920 Granite City Labor Day Parade?

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State, local incentives for American Steel

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

American Steel Foundries' recent decision to move all its production operations to Granite City was the result of incentives offered by state and city officials.

As part of the incentive package, the Granite City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to declare its intent to establish a tax increment finance district that would include ASF property only.

City Economic Development Director Alan Orthals projects that the special tax district will generate \$5.5 million in tax increment over a 23-year period — much

of which could be related to American Steel to reimburse eligible costs such as rehabilitation of existing buildings, professional fees, relocation costs and up to 30 percent of financing costs.

Under the TIF law, ASF's assessment would be "frozen" at its current valuation of \$3,727,300. Orthals said, and all taxing bodies would continue to receive that revenue over the 23-year life of the special district.

Any incremental property tax increases would go to the city, which could then reimburse ASF for allowable costs.

Based on a first-year increase of \$53,089, subsequent increases of 3 percent

per year (resulting in an assessed valuation of \$9,069,819 in the year 2016), and the current total tax rate for all taxing bodies of \$0.11 per \$100 of valuation, Orthals projects the amount that could be related to American Steel at \$5.5 million.

Improvements and additions to the real property could make that figure even higher, Orthals said.

The specific costs to be reimbursed to ASF, and the time and method of reimbursement, would be established in a contract between the city and ASF, Orthals said.

The city would request contractual provisions stating ASF's commitment to cer-

tain employment levels, possibly in the range of 1,200 to 1,500 workers, Orthals said.

To establish the TIF district, a specific development plan must be established, public notices given and hearings held, and an advisory-only joint review board established.

The joint review board would include representatives of the city and other taxing bodies in the district.

Orthals said those actions could be accomplished in 90 to 100 days.

Norm Owca, director of finance for the Granite City School District, declined to

(See STEEL, Page 2A)

Public vote on 2 offices rejected

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

City Treasurer Gail Valle and Superintendent of Streets Clayton "Jug" Harrison "dodged a bullet" Tuesday night.

The Granite City Council voted 12-2 against a resolution to put referenda on the April 20 ballot that would allow voters to decide if the positions of city treasurer and street superintendent should be eliminated.

But Alderman Dan Partney, who asked for the resolution, said he suspects the issue is not dead.

If petitions, circulated among registered voters, are filed with the city clerk by Feb. 1, the issues could still be included on the ballot, Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles said.

Partney and Alderman Judy Whitaker, who voted in the minority, and Mayor Von Dee Cruse said that the issue was a matter of economics (reducing city costs) and that the resolution was an opportunity to let the people have a voice in city

government.

City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart estimates that the elimination of the positions could save the city \$90,000 to \$100,000 annually.

"This is a clear-cut example of fat, waste and inefficiency in government," Partney said.

"I think we have an obligation to the residents of our community to afford them a choice ... in how much government they want and can afford," Partney said.

"What you are saying, if you turn this down, is that you don't think the people have enough sense to make the right decision," Cruse told the aldermen.

But most of the aldermen agreed with Alderman Craig Tarpoiff, who said that the timing of the issue is bad, considering that a professional management review of the city has been commissioned but the results will not be available until after the election.

"I feel the voters would make the right

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Cruse, Brown debate

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A reference to Alderman Dan Brown's mayoral campaign slogan prompted some lively debate on the City Council floor Tuesday night. Alderman Dan Partney, while discussing a proposal to place referenda on the April 20 ballot to consider eliminating the positions of city treasurer and street superintendent, referred to Brown's slogan, "Together, we can make it happen."

Brown said he appreciated the plug, "even though I know Alderman Partney is supporting (former state Rep.) Sam Wolf for mayor."

But, Brown said, he could not support the resolution because of its timing.

"If I learned anything in my political science classes in college — and I majored in political science — it is that an informed populace is the backbone of a democracy," Brown said.

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Forms taking toll on Public Aid efficiency

Second of seven parts

SPRINGFIELD — Caseworkers at one Madison County office, of the Illinois Department of Public Aid say they have become slaves to computerized lists and forms while welfare recipients are forced to wait for hours for services.

"It's a lot of process without much thought behind it," said Bill Tope, a three-year veteran caseworker and the office steward for Local 2000 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees union.

"All this work on these lists consists of

the one hand, of doing a lot of paperwork and a lot of mathematics, and then entering it into the computer that shows Springfield we've done the work," said Tope, who works at the agency's East Alton office.

The lists are largely computer-generated cross-matches of potential violations of earnings guidelines.

Social Security numbers are used to compare Public Aid reports with information compiled by the Department of Labor and Department of Revenue.

Many investigations are generated by

the Public Aid hotline, on which citizens can report potential fraud.

The checks may involve lottery winnings, race track winnings, and yard sales, said caseworker Rita Knowles.

"We have to go through this big process when a client is notified of a possible overpayment, and then we can't see the (notification) letter unless the client brings it in," Knowles added.

In some cases, the checks may require filling out 20 or 30 forms, Tope said.

"I think it's a great thing in theory, but I don't think it's a great thing when we

have 450 cases and can't serve the people," added Gina Rahn, a 14-year Public Aid veteran.

Tope contended the checks for errors and overpayments are often far more costly than the amount of money that could be recovered from an investigation.

"I guess it looks good politically to crack down on welfare fraud, but the other day I spent 45 minutes doing an overpayment to recoup \$2," Tope said.

"It involves sending all kinds of forms to supervisors and data input operators."

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Madison layoffs OK'd after dissent

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

The Madison City Council on Tuesday formally concurred with Mayor John Bellico's recent layoffs and cutbacks of city employees, but not without dissent.

Citing the city's dire financial situation, Bellico laid off four street department employees, an assistant city attorney and an assistant building inspector and cut the recreation director and assistant recreation director to 20 hours a week.

The layoffs and cutbacks were effective Dec. 31.

A motion was brought before the council Tuesday night to concur with the cut in hours of Recreation Director Jim Broadway.

Alderman Jim Caffrey asked why the aldermen, who were not asked to concur when Bellico announced the cut in December, were now being asked to concur.

City Attorney Casper Nigho-

hossian said Broadway, as a department head, deserved the

formality of having the council concur.

Caffrey also asked for clarification of the number of hours the now-part-time recreation center workers work. Bellico said they work 20 hours a week.

Also in response to questions by Caffrey, Bellico said Broadway's current work schedule was designed to have him at the recreation center during the times it is used for senior citizen activities.

Alderman John Hamm, who is running against Bellico for mayor, asked if the recreation department was forced to cut any winter programs for young people as a result of the cut in hours.

Bellico said he knew of no winter programs for children being held at the centers and said if any were being held, "we weren't informed about them."

Hamm said that, "Whether you were informed about it or not, I know Jim Broadway is running a hockey program for kids as recently as a couple of



John Bellico

weeks ago."

Hamm said programs designed to give young people somewhere to go so they won't hang out on the street should be a priority responsibility of the city and said cutting the hours of the recreation department was an abdication of that responsibility.

Bellico said it was unfair to attack his concern for the young people of Madison and said his record makes it clear that young people and senior citizens have always been two of his top concerns.

The motion to concur with the mayor passed 6-2 with Alderman

(See LAYOFFS, Page 8A)

County board turns down contract plan

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

While President Bill Clinton was taking his oath of office Wednesday, Madison County Board members were locked in an executive session debating a three-year contract covering most of the county's clerical staff.

Later, in open session the board members voted down the contract proposal 10-6.

The proposal would have given 300 workers in AFSCME Local 799 a 3.5-percent pay raise in each of the next three years. The raises would have been retroactive to Dec. 1, 1992, the date the latest contract expired.

Another 100 workers, employed by court services and the Circuit Clerk's Office, are required by state law to have a separate contract.

According to Jim Goodall, Local 799 president, the agreement would have granted paid lunch hours, a general election holiday and sick leave within its provisions. The union and county

negotiators had tentatively agreed on the contract Tuesday.

But the full board would not go along with the agreement Wednesday. James Fitzgerald, D-Collinsville, who serves on the board's negotiating committee, said money was the key issue.

"The sticking point was a 3 1/2-percent increase," Fitzgerald said. "Most of the board felt that wasn't right after giving less than 3 percent to the newly elected officials."

In October, the board voted to approve 3-percent pay increases for the circuit clerk, auditor, recorder, coroner and county board chairman. However, the 3-percent increase applies to only the first of the four years in the contract.

The officials will receive the same dollar amount increase in each of the next three years.

For example, the salaries of the circuit clerk, auditor and recorder, who all made \$46,800, rose \$1,404 for 1992-93. They will then receive a \$1,404 increase in each of the next three years.

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(Staff photo by PAM DOWNEY HURD)

In memory — A sign carried by Vivian Richmen expresses her feelings Sunday during a march in Venice honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. See Page 3A for more photos.

Police log

Granite City

Husband is arrested

David M. Nichols, 29, of the 2500 block of Parkview Drive, was arrested at 9:24 p.m. Jan. 17 for domestic battery.

He is alleged to have struck his wife in the face with his open hand and to have grabbed her by the throat.

DUI charge at overpass

Phillip R. Buck, 32, of the 1100 block of St. Thomas Road, was arrested at 2:09 a.m. Jan. 17 for driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal transportation of alcohol, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured vehicle.

An officer reported seeing a white 1984 Ford Ranger cross the center line on the 19th Street overpass.

Buck, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. Two empty beer cans were found on the floorboard of the Ranger, according to a police report.

Buck was lodged pending \$302 cash bail.

27th Street DUI arrest

Linda L. Williams, 45, of the 4000 block of Oakmont Drive, Pontoon Beach, was arrested at 11:18 p.m. Jan. 16 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer stopped a maroon 1988 Oldsmobile Cutlass for traffic violations at 27th Street and Cleveland Boulevard, according to a police report.

Williams, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged.

Woman strikes another

Cynthia D. Harsh, 33, of the 3700 block of Kirkpatrick Homes, was arrested at 7:09 p.m. Jan. 16 for battery.

An officer dispatched to the 2100 block of Dewey Avenue reported seeing Harsh strike Vanessa Cox, 29, of the 1700 block of Third Street, Madison, in the face with her hand.

Charged in tavern fight

Daniel B. Shemwell, 33, of the 4900 block of Old Alton Road, and Mark D. Shemwell, 30, of the 1300 block of Norwood Drive were arrested at 2:50 a.m. Jan. 16 following a high-speed chase and foot pursuit.

Daniel Shemwell was charged with battery, obstructing a peace officer and fleeing and attempting to elude police. Mark Shemwell was charged with battery and obstructing.

Officers were dispatched to Xtra Innings Tavern, Nameoki Road and East 23rd Street, to respond to a 911 emergency call.

As officers were entering the tavern, both Shemwells were exiting and told the officers that the troublemaker was still inside. The Shemwells then got in a car and drove away, according to a police report.

When officers entered the tavern, witnesses told them that Daniel and Mark Shemwell battered Charles Freiner, 37, breaking Freiner's nose.

Officers arrested both Shemwells after an auto chase and a foot pursuit. Daniel Shemwell was lodged pending \$416 bail. Bail for Mark Shemwell was \$214.

Crash nets DUI charge

Joseph A. Sumner, 30, of the 2900 block of Madison Avenue, was arrested at 2:08 a.m. Jan. 16 for driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to

reduce speed to avoid an accident.

An officer was dispatched to an accident in the 2200 block of Benton Street, where a white 1987 Oldsmobile Firenza had struck a Cadillac parked at the curb.

Sumner, who told police he had driven the Firenza, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was released after posting his driver's license and \$107 cash as bail.

Arrested on Highway 3

James A. Shupenus Jr., 28, of Jacksonville, Ill., was arrested at 2:30 a.m. Jan. 16 for speeding and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Chief Don Knight reported clocking a blue 1990 Mazda Miata at 65 miles per hour in a 55 mph zone on Highway 3 near Northgate Industrial Drive.

Shupenus, the driver, took three field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Early morning charge

Victoria L. Cathey, 28, of the 5100 block of Old Alton Road, was arrested at 2:35 a.m. Jan. 16 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported stopping a tan Chevrolet Astro van on Nameoki Road for an alleged traffic violation.

Cathey, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. She was released on a notice to appear in court.

Arrest by police chief

Lori Ann Stubbins, 32, of the 2900 block of Sand Road in Edwardsville, was arrested at 12:32 a.m. Jan. 16 for driving under the influence of alcohol, failing to signal when required and driving without liability insurance.

Police Chief Don Knight stopped a gray 1979 Chevrolet Cheyenne at the intersection of Pontoon Road and North Street.

Stubbins, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. Her blood-alcohol level was measured at .38 percent, four times the legal limit of .10, according to a police report.

She was released after posting her driver's license and \$107 bail.

Four men are arrested

Alexander "Joe" Mosick Jr., 25, Shawn R. Phillips, 19, and Terrence J. Esterlen, 27, all of the 1100 block of St. Thomas Road, and Terry E. Kuehnell, 18, of the 1200 block of Kirkpatrick Homes were arrested at 7:50 p.m. Jan. 15.

Mosick was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol.

Phillips was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol. Esterlen was booked for unlawful possession of cannabis and obstructing a peace officer.

Kuehnell was arrested on a St. Clair County warrant charging him with failure to appear in court on a previous illegal transportation charge.

An officer reported seeing a white 1979 Chevrolet Camaro traveling at 45 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone on Nameoki Road at Faith Avenue.

Mosick, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. An open bottle of rum and an open beer can were confiscated from the car, according to a police report.

Esterlen possessed a small amount of a substance alleged to contain cannabis, the report states.



Fill 'er up — Granite City Street Department worker Terry Lindsay fills a pothole on Johnson Road last week before the snow covered it up.

•Debate

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Much of the debate on the issue centered on a management review study commissioned by the City Council.

Brown said results of the study will not be released until after the election and there is no need to "rush this onto the April ballot."

But Mayor Von Dee Cruse said the study was being used by the aldermen as an excuse to avoid making a difficult decision.

"We know what our city's problems are, as well as I do. Anybody who says they don't isn't telling the truth," Cruse said to the aldermen.

"The whole thing is, the Melville report was passed and brought in because the aldermen wanted to get off the hook. They didn't want to make the decisions; they wanted Melville to come in and make the decisions," Cruse said.

"Don't shake your head, Alderman Brown."

"You're the one who made that statement in the paper, Mayor. Don't put words in our mouths," Brown said.

"I said that the aldermen wanted to get off the hook."

•Steel

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comment on the matter until a development plan is established. American Steel Foundries announced in December its intention to centralize all production operations at the Granite City facility, which has been shuttered since July 1, 1991.

The plant is now being reopened. Orbital said he was informed Nov. 24 of last year by the state Department of Commerce and Community Affairs that American Steel officials in the company's Chicago headquarters had decided to consolidate operations, and had narrowed the field of potential locations to Granite City or an existing facility in Alliance, Ohio.

Orbital and Mayor Von Dee Cruse met with American Steel

Cruse said.

"I'm telling you (that) you were the one in the Finance Committee meeting who said, 'Yeah, this is great,'" Cruse said.

Brown denied ever using those words.

Cruse responded: "You especially, Alderman Brown, when you announced your candidacy for mayor, you said one of the things was that we need to let the people be more involved in their government, and here you are tonight."

"Did you listen to my statement, Mayor?" Brown asked.

"What you said was one thing and what you mean..." Cruse said.

Brown interrupted and cited Robert's Rules of Order, which he said prohibited Cruse from engaging in debate.

"You're not supposed to be making comments from the bench," Brown said.

"You stop me," Cruse responded.

"I think it is the city attorney's job to stop you," Brown said.

"That's right," Cruse said.

City Attorney Mark Goldenberg ruled that a previous motion, calling for the vote on the issue, took precedence over any subsequent debate.

officials the next week, and made their proposal in Chicago on Dec. 17, Orbital said.

U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra and Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagner helped Cruse and Orbital persuade the company to consolidate in Granite City, Orbital said.

Other incentives offered to the company include the establishment of an Enterprise Zone, job training funds, breaks on utility rates by Illinois Power, and health-care benefits for employees by St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Orbital said.

Cruse said.

Last week's negotiating session marked the sixth since November, Fitzgerald said.

Some information for this story was contributed by the Alton Telegraph.

•Vote

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decision — the most informed decision — with the benefit of the Melville report," Tarpoiff said.

He reiterated City Attorney Mark Goldenberg's opinion that the treasurer referendum would be binding, and that the street superintendent question would be advisory because the position could be eliminated at any time by a vote of the City Council.

Whoever is elected treasurer April 20 would be entitled to serve out a four-year term, and the street superintendent is entitled to two more years, in Goldenberg's opinion.

"There is nothing to gain by hurrying to place this on the ballot. There will be other elections," Tarpoiff said.

"If this is the right thing to do — and I don't know what the results of the Melville study will be — the worst thing that could happen is that the voters decide to keep the positions. An informed decision is the best decision," Tarpoiff said.

Alderman Paul Fisk, who had apparently entered the meeting in favor of the resolution, was convinced by Tarpoiff's remarks.

"Whatever happens, we will have a treasurer for four more years and the superintendent of streets for two more," Fisk said. He asked what purpose the referendum would serve "at this particular time."

Fisk and aldermen Walter Milton, Jeff Worthen and Dan Brown have all picked up petitions to run for mayor.

Worthen, who voted against commissioning the Melville study, became the only alderman who is familiar with the city's operations and already know what most of the recommendations will be, said that he has written a list of recommendations he expects to come from the report.

He said he could not support the resolution.

"I would not be surprised if the Melville report recommends the elimination of the treasurer position. I expect the study to find that the street superintendent should be appointed — not elected or eliminated," Worthen said.

"But I wouldn't be surprised if the study says we only need seven aldermen. I'm not sure why that isn't included (in the resolution)," he said.

"The timing of this is very (politically motivated). It is a tool being used to create havoc and conversation in the upcoming election," Worthen said.

•Contract

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Fitzgerald said that despite the setback, progress was being made in the talks. Workers had originally sought a 5-percent increase but later dropped it to 4 percent. He said most board members wanted "less than 3 percent" to be the county's offer.

"There are a few other minor issues we need to work out," Fitzgerald said. "Maybe we can use the election day holiday as a way to give 3 percent, rather than less than that. I don't know."

Fitzgerald said his committee and Jim Monday, director of administration and the county's chief negotiator, would regroup and meet with union negotiators again.

"We've got no choice but to just start over and try again," Fitzgerald said.

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In Washington: 'Traffic jams, parties everywhere'

There's no party like a changing of the guard in Washington.

"There is a real hyped, excited atmosphere," said East Alton lawyer L. Thomas Lakin, who arrived in Washington Monday for the inauguration of Bill Clinton. "People here feel this is a celebration that something will really happen in this administration that is very new."

But after the pomp and circumstance, it's time to put up or shut up.

"There is more pressure on this president to produce than any other, and if he doesn't, he'll be in real trouble early on," said Lakin, a longtime Democratic political activist.

For Reta Bold of Godfrey, the inauguration is like a family reunion. She joined her sister, Janet Sawyer Frewitt, who was a longtime staff assistant to Clinton while he was governor of Arkansas and who anticipates starting a job in his presidential administration in March.

Lakin and state Sen. Vince Demuzio of Carlinville had prime seats for Clinton's swearing-in, arranged by U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin.

Demuzio, a former state Democratic chairman, and

Lakin, a new Illinois member of the Democratic National Committee, are attending their first presidential inauguration. Both were interviewed by phone Tuesday from their Washington hotels.

Lakin said he attended an inaugural ball Monday night and by mid-Tuesday afternoon had been to three receptions and had to skip three others with conflicting times.

"These things are scheduled all the way to 2 a.m. There are traffic jams and limousines and parties every where," he said.

Demuzio, attending the inaugural events with his wife, Deanna, said his feet hurt from walking. "It's interesting, and it's something that's a part of his job," he said.

"There's a mood here that there's a new sheriff in town and he's bringing people who are bold and aggressive enough to resolve the problems and put people back to work and reform health care."

Lakin and Demuzio attended a reception Tuesday night for new Democratic National Chairman David Wilhelm of Chicago, who Demuzio noted had worked for him on the state party staff, as did White House political director Rahm Emanuel.

Bold, who owns Modern Hair Concepts in Alton, said her road to the inaugural ceremonies began 13 years ago when her sister Jana, a journalism and marketing graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, moved to Arkansas and took a job as state tourism director and later several positions on Clinton's staff.

Bold said her sister invited her to a staff picnic in Little Rock in August where she talked with both Clinton and his wife, Hillary, who recalled their campaign stop in Alton earlier in the year.

"I talked more to Hillary. She was really warm and funny," Bold said. "Since she knew I was a hairdresser, she asked me if I liked her new do, and I told her I approved. We had some pictures taken together, and she said to tell the girls back at the salon that her hair looked better earlier in the day but it was a picnic in Arkansas in the summer."

Bold said her family group planned to attend an Arkansas gala ball Wednesday night and "then play it by ear and see what's available."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Computer will speed child support

A new program linking the Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office with a statewide computer network will speed up the processing of child-support payments, said Circuit Clerk Matt Melucci.

"Our office will now be directly linked to the Illinois Department of Public Aid's statewide computer network," he said.

"In the past, when we collected a child-support payment intended for someone on public aid, we recorded the payment and then forwarded the check to the Illinois Department of Public Aid for processing and payment."

"With our new system, we can record payments directly into the state's computer system, right in our office," Melucci said.

"What this means in practical terms is that we can speed up

the delivery of child support by reducing an entire step in the process. This system saves time and saves taxpayers' dollars."

"It is also good news for non-custodial parents who make child-support payments. By directly recording payments onto the state's computer when they are received, we should significantly reduce the number of errors when people who pay child support are wrongly accused of not making payments."

Melucci said this is the first of many steps he intends to take to modernize and upgrade the circuit clerk's office.

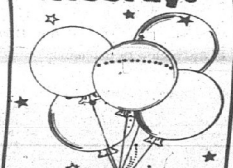
"Collecting child support is an important function of this office, but only one of many. We are examining all operations of my office to find better ways to do our job. Computerization and

modernization will help us save time and save tax dollars."

Melucci said that establishing this computer link with the state also will allow the county to participate in a larger nationwide computer network which is making it easier for authorities to collect child support from delinquent pay parents who may have crossed state lines.

"Deadbeats who do not live up to their responsibilities place a burden on all of us as taxpayers," he said.

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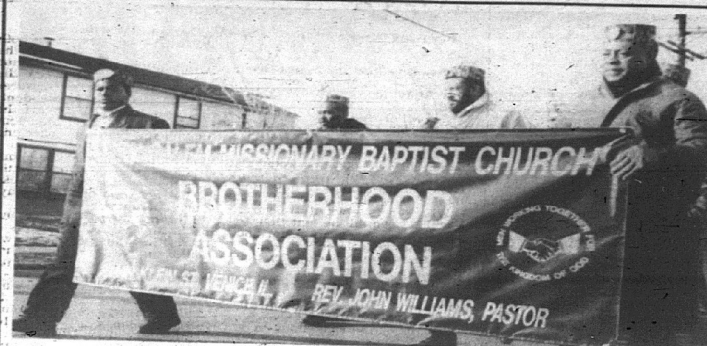
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Celebration — Members of New Salem's Brotherhood Club walk with their banner Sunday during a march honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Venice. The march and program that followed drew hundreds of residents from throughout the area. The program, held at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Venice, included declarations by the mayors of Venice, Madison and Granite City on Dr. King's dream. Also participating were the school board presidents from Madison and Venice and the superintendent of Granite City's school district, as well as officials of the Madison County Urban League and the Madison County NAACP.

Below, student council members at Granite City Senior High School take part in the march. In bottom photo, Granite City Mayor Voh Dee Cruse and Police Chief Don Knight, far right, are honored by Rev. John Henry Williams, left, and Rev. O.V. Carter of Project Clean Up.



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Editorials

Let the people speak

There's an old story about a dog food company that was experiencing hard times and the chief executive officer called all the managers in for a pep talk.

"We have the most modern plant in the world," he said. "Our workers are highly skilled. Our research and development is second to none. We have the finest packaging in the industry, the best marketing department in the industry and the very best sales staff in the country. So why isn't our dog food leading the market?"

An anonymous voice from the back of the room answered: "The stupid dogs won't eat it."

The Granite City Council brought this story to mind Tuesday when it debated whether to put referenda on the ballot asking if elected positions of street superintendent and treasurer should be eliminated. The council voted 12 to 2 not to put the issue on the April ballot.

The main reason given by the majority for its decision was the need to wait for the results of a professional study of city operations because "an informed populace is the backbone of a democracy."

When the Melville study was pushed by local business leaders—who are paying half of its cost—it was with the caveat that it was a shame to "have to pay an independent professional to do what elected officials are elected to do." But to business leaders, and to almost everyone else in Granite City, it had become obvious that, for the city's leaders to make progress toward streamlining government, they were going to have to be led by the hand.

While the study is a good, and apparently necessary, idea, do the voters need a study to tell them the city doesn't need both a treasurer and a comptroller nor both a street superintendent and a public works director? The question isn't the needs of the city but the desires of the voters and there can be no doubt the voters know what they want.

Another argument was that because, even if eliminated, the street superintendent will serve for two more years and the treasurer for four more years there is no need to rush this issue. If the study shows the positions need to be eliminated, they can be eliminated at any election.

Once again this is confusing the real issue. If voters really want to elect the treasurer/comptroller or street superintendent/public works director, then no study in the world is going to convince them to give up their right to elect them. By leaving the issue unresolved, the only thing that happens is the political infighting in the departments continues, at the cost of efficient operation of government.

The last argument is that, if the referenda are put on the ballot and voted down, and if the study subsequently shows that the positions should be eliminated, then the city will be hard-pressed to take the issue to the voters again.

So what? Once again, the issue here is only whether the voters want to keep electing the treasurer/comptroller and street superintendent/public works director. The jobs of treasurer/comptroller and the jobs of street superintendent and public works director are likely redundant and who can question whether the city would operate better without the redundancy?

So, like the dog food CEO, the majority of the City Council seems to be self-righteously asking "So why isn't city government working?" and waiting for an expert to absolve them from responsibility by handing down some edict written on stone tablets.

And all the while, the answer is simply that city government is not working because it no longer responds to the needs of the citizens. The City Council seems to think the people are incapable of deciding what is best for them.

It will take more than the City Council to kill these referenda and several citizen groups have said they will petition to put them on the ballot in April. We support these efforts and think voters should remind the city government who is really in charge.

Finally, another suggestion at Tuesday's City Council meeting merits serious consideration: Does the city really need 14 aldermen?

No one is more qualified to answer that question than the voters. And the April election seems like the perfect time to ask and answer that question once and for all.

Jazz scholar's labor of love

Carol Clarkin writes this Edwardsville Journal column.

I suppose there are millions of people who spend their lives working at jobs they hate, and millions more who make their living at work to which they are truly devoted. There's no fire, no passion involved. No enthusiasm. Simply routine.

That was the first thought that came to mind when I learned on Jan. 8 that "Cactus" Charlie Meneses had died.

No one could ever have said that of Charlie. For nearly 50 of his 76 years he had engaged in a labor of love as a jazz and big band scholar, lecturer, journalist, and disc jockey.

I doubt that he encountered many dull moments in that career. On occasion, boredom, never. His love of, and enthusiasm for, "his" music never died. I've known him since he was a student at Illinois College. He married a classmate of mine, the former Mary Kay Hardesty. We'd run into each other occasionally.

Charlie lectured on jazz a lot and, a few years back, I was privileged to sit in on a presentation he gave before a jazz class at SIUE, on the subject of great jazz pianists. The lecture was great, though "lecture" is too staid a word to describe the Meneses approach.

He told them of his own early aspirations, how he tried to play trombone, piano and drums, noting that although he could read music, he couldn't improvise. He said, "Improvisation is essential to good jazz, but it's a God-given talent, nothing you can learn. You've either got it or you haven't."

He told of how as a youngster, after listening to his grandmother's record of Duke Ellington playing "Three Little Words," he became "an instant Ellington addict. He is the giant of all times."

Charlie talked of ragtime, Scott Joplin, the famous Rosebud Cafe, located where Kiel Auditorium now stands.

James P. Johnson and the Harlem rent-parties of the 20s, Pimpot Smith and early boogie-woogie, Earl "Fatha" Fats Waller, Teddy Wilson, Thomas "Fats" Waller, Oscar Peterson. He illustrated their various styles by playing records from his own overwhelming collection. Two records by Oscar Peterson to illustrate their stylistic differences. Thanks to Charlie, we listened to nearly an hour of some of the finest jazz piano ever recorded.

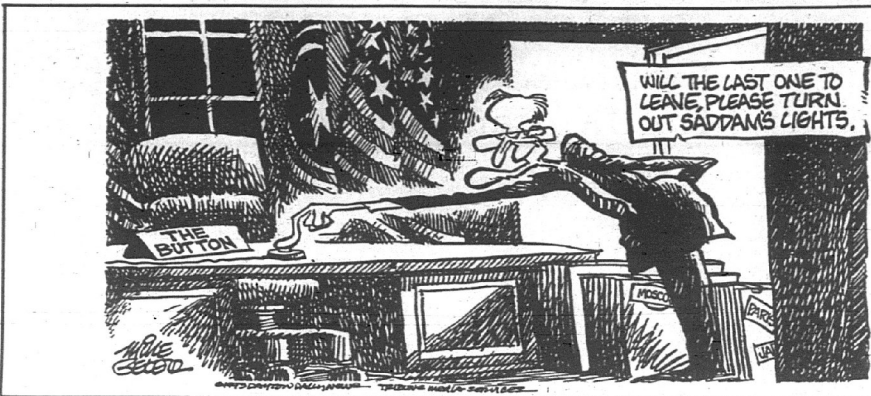
I loved every minute, but sad to relate, the majority of students present were apathetic, uninterested and woefully ignorant. For students enrolled in a class of jazz, that is.

Charlie found their apathy discouraging. I learned when I talked about the lack of respect in a later conversation with him.

But not discouraging enough to stop him from doing what he did so well in, a field in which his expertise was monumental—spread the word with his own motto, "Don't play dead, play jazz."

Charlie didn't cotton to rock and roll, didn't like it. Charlie is going to be missed by family and friends, by the Metro East community, by jazz musicians and followers.

I will think of him as a lucky man—one whose lifetime was spent doing what he loved best and doing it better than anyone I've known.



Braun in elite 25; should earnings limit rise?

The following column is by Robert Estill of Copley News Service.

U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun is on *People Magazine's* list of "The 25 Most Intriguing People of 1992."

The Illinois Democrat, the first black woman elected to the U.S. Senate, "defied naysayers to win a Senate seat and a place in the history books," the magazine said.

None of the three other female Democrats newly elected to the Senate in November made the list.

Braun is in such company as President Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary, Ross Perot, Princess Diana, Whoopi Goldberg, Billy Ray Cyrus and Barney.

Who is Barney? He is the six-foot purple dinosaur that stars on the PBS children's show, "Barney and Friends."

Our guest

U.S. Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Yorkville, expects President Bill Clinton to back his efforts to allow senior citizens to earn more wages without losing Social Security benefits, but fears Clinton's support may come with a costly catch—a tax increase.

Hastert's optimism over Clinton's campaign promise to raise the earnings limit on working senior citizens is diminished by the president's selection of Senate Finance Committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen to be secretary of the Treasury.

Bentsen was the guy who killed it in the Senate... Hastert said of his bill last year to automatically increase wages that older workers could earn

without forfeiting benefits.

"Bentsen is the guy who tried to make it a tax package instead of something good for senior citizens."

Hastert is concerned that Bentsen might convince Clinton to tie any relief for senior citizens to more payroll taxes for all higher-income workers and their employers.

Earlier this year, Bentsen proposed boosting the amount of earnings subject to Social Security payroll taxes as a means of paying for more benefits to working senior citizens.

"I don't necessarily want this to become an excuse for raising taxes," Hastert said.

Hastert intends to introduce a bill—similar to the measures he has offered since 1987—that would repeal the earnings limit for workers between the ages of 65 and 69.

Senior citizens in that age bracket have been losing \$1 in benefits for every \$3 they earn

over \$10,200. The earnings limit rose slightly to \$10,560 for 1993.

Hastert conceded that his repeal bill would be "something we can negotiate with" in a bid to boost earnings limits substantially.

A similar play last year resulted in an overwhelming House approval of a bill that would have raised the Social Security cap for those between 65 and 69 to \$12,000 in 1993 and by \$2,000 annually until it hit \$20,000 in 1997.

The ceiling-raising effort collapsed in the Illinois Senate in the face of arguments from Bentsen and other Democrats that taxes should be raised to pay for the benefits.

Hastert contends the expense would be more than offset by income taxes paid by those who would return to or remain in the work force if they could do so without losing Social Security benefits.

Letters

Heroism ended home invasion

TO THE EDITOR:

God was watching over our children.

An early Thursday morning (Dec. 10) could have been a nightmare and a horror story had it not been for a brave young man in our family who risked his life to save the life of his wife.

You always wonder just what you would do if it happened to you.

Steve (Watson), we all want you to know that we are all proud of the way you took charge of the very dangerous situation you were in.

There was a man with a butcher knife in hand and wearing a ski mask and another man behind him. We in the family knew that God had to be watching over you to let you get out several times and still fight off your attackers.

They were trying to take charge of your life and that of your wife and then take charge of your home (in the 900 block of East Avenue, Madison). They heard your wife's screams of "Honey, get your gun, get your gun."

My, my, what happened to these two big bad guys when you finally made it, bleeding to your bedroom and picked up your gun.

You came back out of the bedroom with your Smith and Wesson. Yes, you might have guessed it: the two big bad guys ran as fast as they could out of your home.

Thanks to an alert neighbor on Fourth Street who called and called police. Had it not been for him calling police and telling them what he saw, it would have been a long night.

Also, thanks to the fast work of the Madison police officers who were on duty that night, along with help from the Venice police officers, who were there within minutes.

And, thanks to Madison's police detectives, who worked outside in the sleet and snow with the Department of Criminal Investigation officer, taking pictures of the scene inside and outside.

They were very professional in doing their jobs.

In closing, we in your family know how close the stab wound was to your heart and we are all proud of your actions.

Some times we can't tell you how we feel, but we can write it down on paper. So, from all of

your side of the family and from all of us on Sherri's side, we say a prayer to God and thank him for allowing us to be blessed and have you both with us for Christmas and the rest of our lives.

GREGORY family
WATSON family
JACKSON family

Raises adoption, prenatal issues

TO THE EDITOR:

I have responded to Mr. Coad's letter, "U.S. plans war against unborn." Besides complete ideological opposition, he is stating misinformation.

The Freedom of Choice Act, which President Bush opposes and President Clinton supports, would guarantee women the right to choose an abortion.

It would not allow minors to have abortions without parental consent. We oppose this for a number of reasons. But he has not read the text of the bill, or he would have known that.

To all those who are worried that our new administration will declare "war on the unborn," I must ask what you have done to help fight the war against the born.

How many racially mixed, older, crack addicted, AIDS infected children have you adopted? There are over 2,000 "hard to place" children waiting, while another 3,000 or more will become available by the end of 1993, in Los Angeles alone.

How many pregnant teens have you taken into your home? Are you a foster parent? How are you working to change laws, to make sure that child support is paid?

How many hours a week do you provide child care so their mothers can work? How many low-income children do you buy winter coats for, school supplies, or food?

How many hours a week do you tutor disadvantaged children, so they will have a future?

When you drive a low-income pregnant woman to her prenatal appointments, do you worry that she will be injured as you help her into the clinic? As you maneuver her through the crowd, toward the clinic doors while "Baby Killer" is screamed into her ears, as others are spitting in her face and still others are kicking the backs of her legs so she will fall to her knees?

Do you worry, as I do, that her injuries might complicate the pregnancy? Never mind that the same clinics that provide abortions also provide much-

needed prenatal care.

Are you against abortion? That's not have one and don't be a hypocrite.

Take your eyes off of Heaven and look really on Earth.

NICOLE LOVICHIEFF
PERLMAN

Formerly of Granite City Vice president, Los Angeles unit National Organization for Women

Unsolved public school problems

TO THE EDITOR:

(Facts in) the articles in the Jan. 10 *Granite City Press-Record/Journal* describing some out-of-date textbooks used in the public schools were definitely disappointing and distressing.

Granite City residents are paying for quality education in their schools and apparently not receiving it.

Even increased state income taxes designated for "education" and "local government," which were a part of legislation sponsored by our local state representative, apparently have not improved the situation.

It seems obvious that the public school system in general and Granite City schools in particular have problems which are

deeply ingrained, and increasing the money spent on education has solved these deficiencies.

When our daughter was ready to begin school several years ago, my wife learned that the public school class she was to attend would have an enrollment of 30 to 35 children. We both felt that situation would not provide the nurturing environment that such young children need.

We investigated the alternatives and decided to enroll her in Holy Family School even though we were not Catholic.

We are very happy with our choice. The school provides a quality academic education in a disciplined and loving atmosphere.

The faculty is genuinely concerned about their students' academic and personal growth and the school's administration encourages parental involvement.

I urge parents to "investigate the education alternatives available to them and to get personally involved with their children's education."

I believe your children's future depends on the choices you make for them while they are young. And the most important choices can be your education choice.

JIM ASH
Granite City

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Family helps with celebration



Kathy Dohnal

Kathy Dohnal covers the Madison-Venice scene for the Press-Record/Journal. Articles can be sent to 2108 Lynch or she can be contacted at 797-3077.

Joe and Julie Kasproovich of Madison celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 9 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church. Father James Keefner renewed their vows.

Joe and Julie were married Jan. 7 in the chapel at Fort Lewis, Washington, by Chaplain John Kowalski. Best man was Leo J. Krajewski and maid of honor was Mary Milon.

The Kasproovichs have three sons, Gary, Tom and Robert; and three grandchildren, Christina, Kevin and David.

A dinner at Jerry's followed with the following in attendance: Father James Keefner, Gary and Gloria Kasproovich, David Kasproovich, Tricia Thompson, Tom Kasproovich, Robert Kasproovich, brothers and sisters of Mrs. Kasproovich and their spouses, Vicky Baczewski, Junny Baczewski, Frank and Nellie Baczewski, Polly and Ed Tutka, Clara and Andy Thomas, Betty and Frank Gaci, and a niece and her husband, Elizabeth and Jeff Hoffman.

Greetings were received from Christina Kasproovich, granddaughter; and Kevin Kasproovich, grandson, who is attending school at the University of Dayton. Mary and John Guirrot, sister and her husband of Northridge, Calif.; June and Ed Kiser, sister-in-law of Kansas City, Mo.; and Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Kubelka of Madison.

Wayne and Mariann Danzer of Calimesa, Calif., surprised local residents with a holiday visit. They were house guests of Mrs. Danzer's sister and brother-in-law, and Billie Bosworth of Madison. On Christmas Eve they attended church and had dinner at Brenda's Restaurant, where they were joined by their aunt and uncle, Don and Pauline Field of Lakeland, Fla.

A family breakfast on Christmas morning was attended by Curt and Emma Bosworth and son, Tim; Ellen and Marvin Owca and children, Beth, Matt and Laura; Jeanne and Bill Weidner, and daughter, Deanne; and Josephine Czerwinski. On Christmas evening a family gathering was held at the home of Curtis and Emma Bosworth in Troy.

A trip was made to Branson, Mo., where they were joined by Wayne's sister and brother-in-law, Norman and Darlene Thounell of Savanburg, Kan.

A New Year's Eve party was held at the home of Ellen and Marvin Owca where the 9th birthday of Laura Owen and the 54th birthday of David Bess were observed. Others attending besides those mentioned were Steven Bridick, Mary Jane Bess and children, Michael and Mary Kate, and grandson, Steven; and Stanley Owca.

A breakfast was held at Fran's Restaurant in Madison, attended by Wayne and Mariann Danzer; Curt and Billie Bosworth; Curtis and Emma Bosworth and son, Tim; Jeanne and Bill Weidner and daughter, Deanne; Marvin and Ellen Owca and children, Beth, Matt and Laura; Hart Maher; Bob Weiss; Louie Saucier; and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Robertson and children.

Kaitlyn Dohnal celebrated her 2nd birthday on Jan. 11. A buffet dinner with a Little Mermaid theme was served by her parents, Steven and Mary Lou Dohnal. Attending were sister, Stephanie; great-grandparents, Aloysius and Gladys Steinhauer; Mary Domanski; grandparents, Joe and Ruth Barrington; Ed and Kathy Dohnal; JoAnn and Danny Lawrence; Betsy Barrington; Jim Kohler; Paul Barrington; Marvin and Jan Boyer; Michelle Boyer and Kevin; Mary and Denny Boyer and Greg; Vincent Dohnal and Courtney; Lisa and Jerry Bush; Brian Dohnal; Linda Dohnal; Frank and Barbara Orris; Frank and Patti Orris; and Ben and Stacy. On Jan. 12 a family gathering was held at the home of Ed and Kathy Dohnal to observe the 12th birthday of Linda Dohnal and the 6th birthday of Stacy Orris. Pizza and a decorated rainbow cake were served to Mary Domanski; Steve and Mary Lou Dohnal; and Stephanie and Kaitlyn; Vincent Dohnal and Courtney; Lisa and Jerry Bush; Brian Dohnal; Frank and Barbara Orris; Frank and Patti Orris and Ben; and Jessica Bathon.

'Field of dreams' Indoor soccer fun, exercise for thousands in region

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

They come from all over the metropolitan area — from Highland and Alton, from East Alton and Collinsville to a large metal building in the middle of a field in Pontoon Beach.

Soccer for Fun, 4141 Highway 111, is a "field of dreams" for thousands of area residents of all ages.

With names like FC40 (a "football club" of men 40 years of age or older), Korte Bluefire, Sharks, Collinsville United, Elks (of all ages) and Slow Pokes (a team of women 25 and older), nearly 100 teams compete in leagues for players of all ages.

Field time comes at a premium. League fees run about \$450 for a 10-game schedule and the facility operates non-stop from 4 to 11 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Yet, a bulletin board inside the facility is filled with names and telephone numbers of players wanting to join a team.

Indoor soccer is played on a field



"Soccer Mom" Diane Mercer shouts encouragement to the Elks players.



Above, Brian Buske, assistant coach with the Granite City Elks team, gives his players a pep talk between periods of a game on Saturday. At left, Andy Roark of the Elks makes a shot on goal.

similar to an ice hockey arena, but covered with artificial turf instead of ice.

It is also similar in the number of players on the field and in the continuous action.

Parents say indoor soccer is more exciting to watch than the outdoor game and much more comfortable to watch in the winter months.

"This gives the kids an opportunity to play year-round. It's faster and it's more exciting than outdoor (soccer)," said Kim Thebeau of Collinsville, whose son Trey, 7, plays for Downtown Legends.

"He's too young for school sports. I think this is great."

Thebeau and Terri Grenier, also of Collinsville, spend their Monday nights watching their sons play. Grenier's son is Brandon Beck, 8, who plays for Sockers '84.

"If Brandon has a game at 8 p.m., he has his uniform on at 5 p.m. and asks, 'Can we go now?'" Grenier said.

At times it appears as if the parents are more intent on the game than their children who play.

"Parents yell and scream from the bleachers or, like Thebeau and Grenier, stand in the lobby smoking, drinking coffee, soda or beer (depending somewhat on the time of day), and watching through plexiglass windows."

"We need something like this in Collinsville," Thebeau said.

Steve Hay of Granite City not only coaches a team but also officiates.

"Parents really like the indoor game because it's fast and fun to watch. Coaches like it because it keeps the kids practicing all year and because it emphasizes teamwork and skills more, because there are fewer players on the field," Hay said.

He doesn't officiate to reap rich financial rewards.

"I do it because I love soccer," Hay, 29, said.

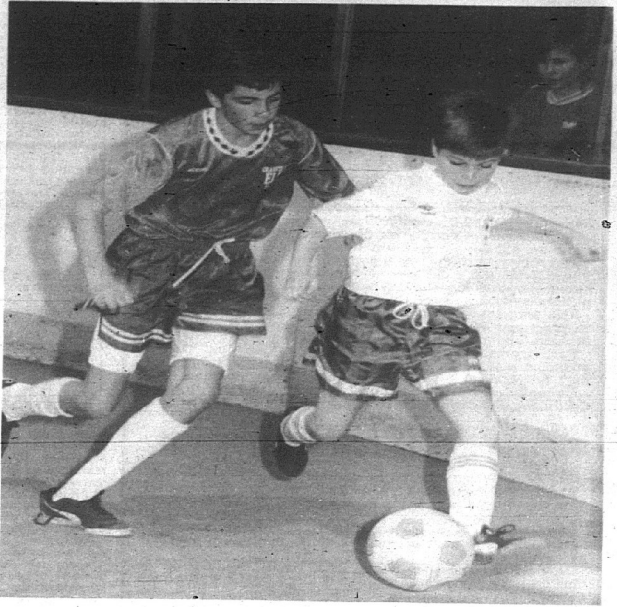
Any team can win any game. It is very competitive and very spirited, and the kids have a lot of fun with it.

Some might say that the game is addictive. Mike and Carol Reagan of Granite City have three children playing on a total of eight teams.

Aaron and Kathy Hickam of Mitchell have two boys playing for a total of five teams, and Aaron plays for yet another club.

"Sometimes I think I live down here," Aaron said while watching Jeremy, 10, his youngest, play for a select team sponsored by the Granite City Elks.

But kids aren't the only ones who get



Granite City Elks player Josh Miller, left, tries to get the ball away from an Edwardsville player during competition Saturday. The action came in the 11-year-old division at Soccer for Fun in Pontoon Beach.

into the action. Parents also have the opportunity to lace on a pair of boots and test their foot.

Sandy Gabriel, 44, a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City who lives near Troy, plays on the Slow Pokes, a team for women 25 and older. Players come from Alton, Glen Carbon and Belleville to play on the Slow Pokes.

"I just can't give it up," Gabriel said. "It's good exercise and it's fun. I've never hurt myself too seriously — a couple of sprained ankles in 12 years isn't bad. We rarely win; in 10 games, we might win a couple. A lot of teams will only accept girls that are really good."

"But we'll take anybody that wants to play," Gabriel said.

She said that husbands rarely show up to watch the Slow Pokes play, but that is OK with her.

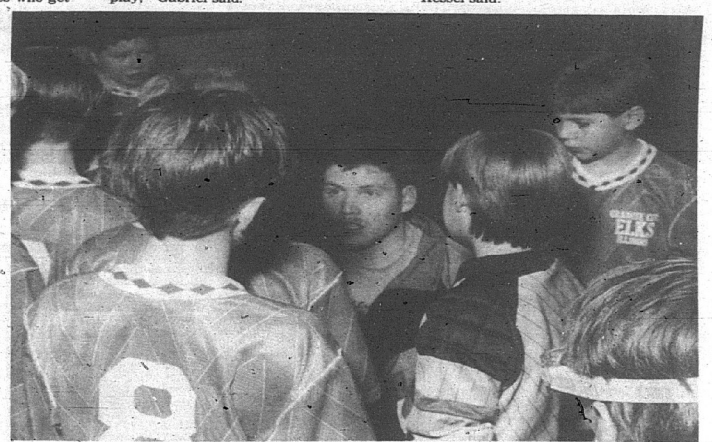
"It's 'Girls Night Out.' We sit around after the game and have a good time," she said.

Steve Kessel of Granite City coaches two teams: a team of 10-year-old boys and a high school girls' team.

"The coach is much more involved because of the constant substitutions and changing players 'on the fly.'"

"Plus, it is a much faster game, so the kids like it. There's no pressure. We don't worry about the standings. It's for fun."

"Of course, that's easy to say when we've only lost one game in three years," Kessel said.



Above, Brian Buske, assistant coach with the Granite City Elks team, gives his players a pep talk between periods of a game on Saturday. At left, Andy Roark of the Elks makes a shot on goal.

YOUTH FOCUS: "At what age should parents let their children car-date unchaperoned?"

(Asked of some of the parents whose children were asked the same question earlier.)

Cynthia Shands (mother of Andrea Jones), Granite City

"In my opinion, and in my home, a child should not 'car date' until the age of 16. At that age, they are learning more responsibilities, such as the use of a car and holding a part-time job. If children think that they are responsible enough to date, then they should be responsible enough to earn the money to go on that date."

Darla Aaron (mother of Jennifer Aaron), Granite City

"I agree with Jen said. It depends on how mature the kid is, and it also depends on if the parent can trust the kid and if the date is responsible."

Bunnie Haddix (mother of Sarah Haddix), Granite City

"I think kids should be at least 15 before car dating and that would be with another couple or as a group. I might consider car dating at age 14 with another couple on special occasions, such as the Homecoming dance, etc."

Brenda O'Beir (mother of Lori O'Beir), Granite City

"I feel that young people should be allowed to car date unchaperoned at age 16. If we have taught them what is right and wrong, then we have to trust them to do what we have taught them."

Denise Johnson (mother of Jimmy Stevens), Granite City

"Nice try, Jimmy, but no way! While I do agree that most 13-, 14-year-olds are mature young adults, an unchaperoned car date is a major responsibility. I believe that around age 16 the teenager and parents should discuss their feelings and make a decision from there."

Linda Lane (mother of Melanie Morgan), Granite City

"I really think that it depends on the individual. If the person is responsible and keeps their grades up, and all their other duties up, it's really up to the maturity of the person."

Barbara Fry (mother of Shannon Fry), Granite City

"I have to admit that I was a little surprised to find that Shannon and I agree on the age. My parents wouldn't let me go out on a 'single' date until I was 16."

"Although I lost a boyfriend over it, I really didn't protest too strongly because, even then, I could see potential situations I might find myself in that I may or may not have been able to handle."

"Parents deserve credit for that much, already knowing what teenagers will have to

face, and trying to protect them from its dangers for as long as possible. But, there does come a time when we, as parents, must turn some of that responsibility over to our teenagers."

"That's where trust comes in. Parents and teens must work toward that, together. By 16, most teenagers have enough trust and maturity to handle dating and its situations, or to ask for help if they think they can't."

"Hopefully, the parents have earned their trust as well, so their teenagers won't be afraid to come to them for help."

By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

Briefly

SIUE child care open

The Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Early Childhood Center is now accepting applications for child-care for winter quarter.

Children may enroll in the following programs: Full day, half day, half day extended, or evenings. The Center is open from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Although children of parents who are SIUE students are given priority, all children are eligible to enroll in the Center's program.

For more enrollment information, call the SIUE Early Childhood Center at 692-2556.

Awareness program Jan. 27

"The Mystical Difference: Experiencing God and Life at a Higher Level of Awareness" will be the topic for the third session of Focus Series, offered by the Office of Continuing Education at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Jan. 27.

This series, a group of eight programs, is designed for persons 55 and older who enjoy new ideas and the fun of learning. The sessions meet Wednesdays, 9:50 to 11:30 a.m. in the Mississippi Illinois Rooms in the University Center.

This program will compare and contrast common elements of Eastern and Western mysticism and explore some of the thoughts and experiences of mystics in both cultures.

Participants may register at the class meeting. Cost of attending is \$1 per program at the door. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Judy Meyer, coordinator of community programs and public service at the SIUE Office of Continuing Education, at 692-3210.

Workshop for teachers Jan. 30

A workshop for elementary and middle school teachers titled "Touch the Future: Link Your Classroom with Space" will be presented from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 30 at Parks College of St. Louis University.

The workshop is co-sponsored by The Challenger Center for Space Science Education, founded by the families of the Challenger astronauts.

Jean Settle, workshop leader, is a faculty member of the Challenger Center and the recipient of the 1987 Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award from the U.S. Department of Education. She developed the widely used aerospace curriculum, "Flight into the 21st Century."

Though planned for elementary and middle school teachers of science, math and technology, the workshop information is adaptable to many disciplines and levels. Using space exploration as a theme, teachers will learn how to motivate students to pursue studies in these areas and help them understand the impact of technology on their futures.

Participants will receive a set of NASA space exploration slides and materials outlining lesson plans, activities and resources for space study. The \$40 fee includes coffee and doughnuts, but registrants are asked to bring a sack lunch.

Air Command receives honor

The U.S. Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base has received a Best of Open Systems Solutions (BOSS) award for a computer system it developed which provides tight security while helping to schedule missions, follow flights and perform a host of related duties.

Sponsored by National Trade Productions, Inc., the BOSS awards were presented to government agencies which are using open computer systems—those open to the products of numerous vendors and running on uniform standards—to save money and increase efficiencies.

The BOSS winners were honored at a special luncheon during the 1992 Federal Computer Conference (FCC '92, Dec. 7-10 in Washington, D.C.).

Best in Security—U.S. Air Force Air Mobility Command Global Decision Support System (GDSS), SAFB. The Multi-Level Security (MLS) Global Decision Support System is the primary command and control system of the Air Mobility Command, providing flight following mission planning and scheduling, logistics, transportation and personnel support capabilities.

Health plan backers will contact Clinton

Backers of a national health insurance system want President Bill Clinton to take their concerns to heart.

Members of the Campaign for Better Health Care plan to deliver 5,000 postcards signed by Metro East residents to Clinton on Valentine's Day in hopes he will keep campaign promises to curb health care costs.

The original plan to hand-deliver the postcards on Wednesday, Inauguration Day was scrapped because of Clinton's packed schedule, labor leader Charlie Mohr of Alton said.

"It looked like there was too much going on," Mohr said, pointing out that picking a different day may have more impact. "We'd like something to happen."

Mohr and a group of union and Democratic Party activists behind a door-to-door drive in mid-December and plan to continue until they gather about 5,000 postcards. About 2,000 have been collected so far, Mohr said.

Their efforts have been aimed at Alton, East Alton and Wood

River and may soon stretch into Godfrey. Another group has targeted Granite City.

"It is doing real good," Mohr said. "The reception, I would say, has been very good."

Mohr's organization is pushing for a national health care plan that would operate much like Social Security. One government-run agency would be responsible for paying doctor and hospital bills and more people would receive needed care, he said.

Waste and inefficiency created by thousands of private insurance companies would be eliminated under a single, government-run agency, according to backers of a national health insurance system.

Mohr said some people currently have to choose between buying food or paying for health care.

"It's a must, and I think the people are ready for it," Mohr said. "I just see a big need for it."

— From the Alton Telegraph

Four students win art awards

Two students from Edwardsville High School, a Cahokia High School student and a student from Freeburg High School were all Outstanding Merit Award winners in this year's High School Art Exhibition, which continues through Jan. 29 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The show, in the UC Gallery on the second floor of SIUE's University Center, includes works in ceramics, sculpture, photography, drawings, and paintings, just to name a few.

The event, which features more than 50 pieces from artists representing 12 area schools, is sponsored by the SIUE department of art and design and the University Museum of SIUE.

Tim Clabbs of Cahokia High School won an Outstanding Merit Award for his Prismacolor rendition of "Chew on this a while."

Susanah H. Pegg and Sheris Shaw, both of Edwardsville High School, each won an Outstanding Merit Award for works in acrylics and charcoal, respectively.

Pegg's piece was titled "Woman in Chair." Shaw's work was titled "Black on White." Shannah Rousan of Freeburg High School won an Outstanding Merit Award for "colloquy of creation," a work in pencil.

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Lung association seeking public place smoking ban

A report classifying secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen (cancer source) is additional evidence that smoking should be completely banned in all public places and in the workplace, according to the American Lung Association of Illinois.

The report, released recently by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, targets environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), also known as secondhand cigarette smoke.

The report says ETS belongs in the category of compounds classified by EPA as Group A carcinogens—substances, such as asbestos, radon and benzene, that are known to cause cancer in humans.

"The new report gives more weight to the American Lung Association's recommendation to totally ban smoking in all public places, including schools and restaurants and in the workplace," said George Rudis, president of the American Lung Association of Illinois.

"Our goal is to strengthen the present Illinois Clean Indoor Air Act to provide smoke-free air to breathe to all citizens of Illinois."

In the United States, thousands of people die each year from tobacco smoke. ETS is the third leading cause of preventable death, Rudis contended.

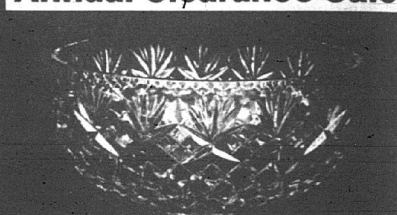
"Employees especially must be aware of the new EPA warning and totally ban smoking in the workplace, not only to protect the health of their employees, but also to protect themselves from future liability and to reduce health insurance cost," Rudis said.

Research has indicated the lungs of non-smokers are especially vulnerable to tobacco smoke.

The American Lung Association recommends that smoking be prohibited in all public places, including schools, day-care facilities, restaurants, hospitals, trains, sports arenas, shopping malls and workplaces.

"We expect the EPA report will send reverberations across the country, leading to state and local policies for smoke-free schools, workplaces and public places," Rudis said.

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Legislature inundated with new and old proposals

SPRINGFIELD — A basket full of new and old ideas has already been dumped into the legislative hopper.

Among bills filed since Jan. 13 are proposals to exempt elderly persons from jury duty and to restrict no-bid contracts for former state officials and major campaign contributors.

A bill creating a state advocate for mobile home park residents has also been tossed in.

Rep. Charles Hartke, D-Effingham, is proposing that persons 66 and older be exempt from serving as jurors. Hartke could not be reached for comment.

A number of bills introduced by Democrats aim at the Republican administration of Gov. James Thompson and Gov. Jim Edgar, who awarded lucrative no-bid construction contracts to former state officials.

A measure sponsored by Sen. Penny Severns, D-Decatur, would bar awarding of no-bid contracts to former upper-level administrators in the executive branch or to businesses in which they hold a significant interest.

Severns also has filed a bill that would restrict former state regulatory employees from representing clients before their former agencies.

She also introduced a measure that would require all firms with state contracts to disclose the

identity of their owners and beneficiaries.

Rep. Phil Novak, D-Bradley, is taking aim at major campaign contributors. His bill would bar contributors of \$1,000 or more to legislators or statewide officers from receiving a state contract. Currently, many individuals and firms receiving state contracts are also major campaign contributors.

Rep. David McAfee, D-Summit, wants to create a new state office of mobile home park ombudsman to be an advocate for mobile home park residents. The state previously had a taxpayers ombudsman who was supposed to be an advocate for taxpayers, but the office was abolished last year.

In other new business, Rep. Margaret Parcels, R-Norfolk, is proposing to scrap the license suspension penalty for vehicle owners who ignore several notices to bring their cars in for vehicle emissions testing and substitute a \$75 fine.

Another new bill would increase the penalty for child abandonment to a felony carrying up to five years in prison, instead of the current three-year maximum. The bill was apparently inspired by the highly publicized case of a Chicago couple who left their children home alone while traveling to Mexico.

Other legislative ideas that

just won't die include popular election of the Illinois Commerce Commission, instead of appointment by the governor.

That bill is among several Golden Oldies introduced by Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie.

Other measures Lang is playing again are a family leave bill and bills to require school buses to be equipped with seat belts, to ban schools from spanking pupils, to ban assault weapons and to bar telephone companies from passing on advertising expenses to their customers.

Some proposed changes to the state constitution have also been proposed.

Parcels is proposing limits of two, four-year terms for the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, comptroller and treasurer. State representatives would be limited to five, two-year terms, and senators to three staggered terms totaling 10 years.

Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, wants lawmakers to finish their business earlier in the year. He has proposed a constitutional amendment that would require a three-fifths majority on bills after April 1.

Currently the three-fifths rule goes into effect after June 30.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Edgar: New plan will train 7,700 state workers

Gov. Jim Edgar recently announced a pioneering partnership with the Illinois Manufacturers' Association (IMA) and The Management Association of Illinois (MAI) to train more than 7,700 Illinois workers.

It is crucial to this state's economy that Illinois companies and their workers take full advantage of new technologies to compete in an increasingly competitive global economy," the Governor said.

"Our limited resources require us to embrace new and innovative partnerships to update the skills of workers. This cooperative public-private sector effort is a major example of how we can make the most effective use of limited job training dollars to promote economic development in Illinois."

Added Edgar: "The Illinois Manufacturers' Association and The Management Association of Illinois have earned outstanding reputations in providing training opportunities to Illinois companies and their workers. By joining forces with the state, IMA and MAI will be able to offer training to more workers from more than 1,300 Illinois companies."

Jan M. Grayson, director of the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA), said DCCA will provide up to \$517,283 in Industrial Training Program (ITP) grant funds to the IMA to assist in training up to 2,025 workers from 31 companies. DCCA also is providing up to \$491,803 through ITP to the MAI to assist with training up to 5,700 workers from 1,300 companies.

"These training initiatives are excellent examples of the ways DCCA is forging partnerships with the private sector to maximize the impact of its programs," Grayson said. "Working with IMA and MAI enables us to reach out to workers from a wide cross-section of Illinois companies, both large and small, offering training opportunities that keep Illinois firms in touch with the latest technologies, enhancing their competitiveness."

"We are pleased at the direction that Gov. Edgar and Director Grayson are taking with their approach to retraining the Illinois workforce," said Gregory W. Baise, IMA president.

Watson to head education panel

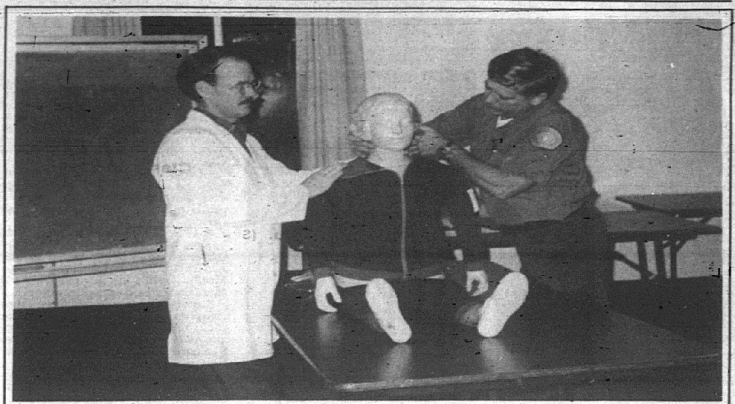
State Sen. Frank Watson, R-Greenview, will head the Senate committee that considers all legislation concerning schools, colleges and universities, including proposed funding changes for public schools.

Senate President James "Pat" Philip R-Wood Dale, announced Watson's appointment. He had previously named Watson to his leadership team as assistant Senate majority leader.

"Education issues have been highlighted over the last several years, and the problems continue," Watson said. "I look forward to working with education leaders around the state in finding solutions. We must also establish a funding formula that is equitable to all schools, though I'm not sure we can meet everyone's expectations on increased state support for education."

"In higher education, one of the matters we will be addressing is a proposal to consolidate the governing boards for our colleges and universities," Watson continued.

"It is clear that the Education Committee is going to have heavy responsibilities this year."



Assessing the situation — Ron Meadows, an intermediate paramedic student, performs trauma assessment on a mannequin as Dr. Steve Bart gives the practical examination required for completion of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center intermediate paramedic class.

State pensions systems underfunded

Despite a recent law requiring responsible funding, the state's five pension systems are increasingly underfunded and face the fourth largest deficit among the 50 states, Comptroller Dawn Clark Lutsch reported recently.

Though the legislature in 1989 approved a funding policy authored by then-Senator Netch calling for increased state contributions to assure the pension systems' long-term viability, the state nonetheless underfunded its retirement systems by \$223 million in fiscal year 1992, Netch said.

As a result, the pension systems, holding assets of more than \$17 billion at the end of fiscal 1992, had liabilities of more than \$30 billion. The systems' current 57 percent funding ratio of assets to liabilities is down from more than 61 percent in fiscal 1987, Netch noted.

"While it is understandable during the current fiscal and budget crisis to want to cut pension funding, we must remember it was the fiscal crisis in 1982 that led to cuts in pension contributions, starting us down the road to the severe funding shortfall we now face," Netch said. "These obligations will not suddenly go away. They have to be

paid. The governor and the legislature have been shirking this quintessential obligation for too long. For the sake of our grandchildren, who at this rate will be stuck with the bill, the time has come for responsible action."

All of the pension systems are substantially underfunded. The Teachers' Retirement System

was the healthiest at the end of fiscal 1992 with assets representing 58.9 percent of liabilities, followed closely by the State Employees' Retirement System funded at 58.5 percent. The State Universities Retirement System was funded at 53 percent, while the Judges Retirement System were funded, respectively, at 44.3 percent and 42.5 percent.

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When a couple obtains a divorce, the Court awards custody of a minor child based on the "best interests of the child." Should the Court consider the religious beliefs of the parents in awarding custody? This question arose in a recent case in Illinois.

At the time of the divorce, the husband and wife were given joint custody of the minor child. When the child was about to enter kindergarten, the mother petitioned the Court to modify the original judgment of dissolution to award her full custody and control of the child. The trial court ultimately granted the father's request that he be given primary physical custody of his son, subject to liberal visitation by the mother.

The trial court found that one factor which tipped the scales toward the father was the father's religious beliefs. It was the Court's opinion that upbringing in a religion was important to a child at that age. The testimony indicated that the father was a regular churchgoer, but that the mother never attended church. The trial judge's decision to award custody to the father was based in part on the father's active participation in an organized religion.

When the Court awarded primary physical custody of the child to the father, the mother took the case to the Appellate Court. The mother argued that the Court's consideration of the religious belief of the parties violated the first amendment to the United States Constitution. The Appellate Court agreed with the mother and noted that "religiousness," standing alone, was an uncertain guide as to a person's fitness as a parent. The Court further noted that it was wrong to conclude that providing a religious environment is per se beneficial to a child's welfare. The judges concluded that religion, in and of itself, must play no role in judicial determinations as to child custody.

The Court went on to state that if a trial court were to give preference to parents who were actively involved in organized religion, this would serve to punish parents who did not believe in God by making it less likely they would gain custody of their children. The trial court to consider religion in awarding custody went beyond neutrality towards religion according to the Appellate Court. Therefore, the decision of the trial court was reversed, and the case was sent back for another hearing based on these findings.

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Obituaries



Edna Smith

Edna L. (Rongey) Smith, 73, of Granite City died suddenly at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1993, at her residence.

Born in Grandin, Mo., Dec. 28, 1919, she had been a resident of Granite City for 47 years. She was a cook for 25 years for Valley Barge Lines, retiring in 1986, and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, Jimmie Smith of Highland and David Smith of Granite City; a daughter, Betty Brooks of Granite City; a sister, Mildred Holland of Doniphan, Mo.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Omer Smith, and parents, Enoch and Cora (Davis) Rongey.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where a memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Dr. Bob Jones officiating. As she requested, her remains were cremated.

Mike Segedy Jr.

Mike James Segedy Jr., 59, of Nashville, Tenn., formerly of Granite City, died Sunday, Jan. 17, 1993, after an extended illness.

Mr. Segedy was born in Lexington, Mo., on March 24, 1933. He was a correctional officer for the Tennessee Department of Corrections and was a member of the TACT Team of the Department of Corrections.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret (Aaron) Segedy of Clarksville, Tenn.; a son, Steven Michael Segedy of Nashville; and two sisters, Rose Coleman of Clarksville and Leta Grace of Longview, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mike Segedy.

Services were held Wednesday at McReynolds-Nave and Larson Chapel, Clarksville, Tenn., with the Revs. John Swyers and Sam Youngblood officiating. Graveside services were to be held at 11 a.m. today at St. John Cemetery, Granite City, with Rev. Youngblood officiating.

Quentin Shannon

Quentin C. Shannon, 78, of St. Peters, Mo., died Saturday, Jan. 16, 1993, at his residence.

Born in Pleasant Plains, Ariz., April 28, 1914, he was employed as a mechanic. He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and a member of VFW Post 6273 in Westington Park and First Baptist Church in St. Peters.

Survivors include his wife, Agnes (Gigliotti) Shannon; two daughters, Norma Reisinger of St. Peters and Virginia Hudson of Floraville; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Houston and Martha (Spurlock) Shannon; three brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. today at Herr Caspary Chapel, Caseyville, with the Rev. David Spriggs officiating. Burial was at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Belleville.

Elizabeth Ramsey

Elizabeth (Davis) Ramsey, 87, of Granite City, died at 4:52 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, at her home.

She was born Dec. 23, 1905, in Granite City and was a lifelong resident. She was employed as a clerk at the J.J. Newberry department store and was a member of the Second Baptist Church in Granite City, the Navy Mothers and the Retail Clerks Union.

Survivors include two sons, George Ramsey and Richard Ramsey, both of Granite City; five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Ramsey Sr.; a son, Victor Ramsey Jr.; and her parents, William and Fronia Davis.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, 876-4321.

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Roy K. Graham

Roy K. Graham, 85, of Granite City, died at 10:08 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill for one month and in the hospital for seven days.

Mr. Graham was born April 13, 1907, in Granite City and was a lifelong resident. He was the owner of Graham's Bookstore before retiring in 1976. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a charter member and the first president of the Granite City Kiwanis Club and the editor of the Kiwanis newsletter for more than 20 years.

He graduated from the University of Illinois School of Journalism in 1932. He was an Eagle Scout and a charter member of the Cahokia Mounds Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Old Six Mile Historical Society.

Mr. Graham was formerly employed by the 3M company. He is survived by a son, Roy Arthur Graham of Staunton; a daughter, Judith Ann McNeilly of Granite City; a brother, Howard Graham of Edwardsville; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zura Avoline (Benson) Graham, who died in 1986 and his parents, Leonard A. and Mary Florence (Morgan) Graham.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 931-8000.

Marie Bertacchi

Marie Ann (Macha) Bertacchi, 77, of Granite City, formerly of St. Louis, died at 11:27 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been a patient for one day.

Born in St. Louis, Dec. 21, 1915, she had been a resident of Granite City for 55 years. She was employed for 20 years as a bookkeeper at S. Bertacchi and Son Planning Mill, formerly Parker Plank Mill.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the Mothers Club, Young at Heart, Sunshine Friends and Daughters of Isabella, and was a founding member of the Granite City American Association of Retired Persons.

Survivors include her husband, Primo Arthur "Art" Bertacchi, whom she married Aug. 28, 1937, in Granite City; two daughters, Marilyn Aldridge of New Berlin, Wis., and Beverly Schrempf of Piqua, Ohio; a sister, Charlotte Shoemaker of Waterloo; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Mary (Zank) Macha, and a brother, Louis Macha.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3920 Maryville Road, Granite City, where prayer services will be held at 6:30 p.m. today. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2605 Washington Ave., Granite City, with the Rev. Bill Fisherkeller officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association.

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Anthony Simurda

Anthony Simurda, 68, of Granite City died at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1993, at Meadow Brook Manor, Caseyville, where he had lived for three months. He had been ill for five months.

Born in Granite City on Oct. 10, 1924, he was a lifelong resident. He was employed for 18 years as a mail carrier for the U.S. Post Office.

A U.S. Navy veteran, serving 20 years, he was a member of Fleet Reserve Branch 267 in St. Louis. AMVETS Post 204 and the Senior Men's Golf Club at the Army's Melvin Price Support Center.

Survivors include his wife, Olga (Fryntko) Simurda of Granite City, whom he married in February 1946; two daughters, Kathleen S. Smith of Collinsville and Antoinette Simurda of Chicago; a brother, Andrew Simurda of Granite City; two sisters, Alma Simurda and Mary Kondrich, both of Granite City; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna (Kurtek) Simurda.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, where a prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. today. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Thomas Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis.

Memorials are suggested for Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Tree Memorial Community Appearance Board of Collinsville.

Layoffs

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Andy Economy, George Amisch, Caffrey, Ralph Miller, Charles Rockett and Norris Horton voting in favor of the motion and Hamm and Alderman Mike Vrabec voting against it.

The council also considered a motion to concur with the other cut and the layoffs.

Hamm asked if the council's Personnel Committee had been consulted prior to the mayor taking action and if the committee had given input concerning alternatives to laying off employees.

Bellcoff said it wasn't discussed because there was nothing to discuss. He said the layoffs were not an easy decision. "You all may have enjoyed Christmas and New Year's, but I didn't because this decision was so heavy on my mind."

"There was no alternative — the city didn't have the money to pay them. The only alternative is M-O-N-E-Y," Bellcoff said.

Hamm said he couldn't understand why the city's financial situation had not been addressed, and possible solutions discussed, before the situation got to the point that people had to lose jobs.

Rockett said three of the persons who were laid off live in his ward and the situation was sad enough without Hamm using it to "play politics."

Hamm said the workers were his friends and he agreed it was a sad situation.

"But I can't help believing that the eight (aldermen) sitting around these tables might have been able to come up with some way to save these people's jobs," Hamm said.

The motion to concur with the mayor was approved 5-2 with Economy, Amisch, Miller, Rockett and Horton voting in favor and Hamm and Vrabec voting against. Caffrey, sitting a possible conflict of interest because he is a business agent for a union that represents the laid-off street department workers, voted present.

Trivia

In 1920 there were more than 7,500 marchers in the Granite City Labor Day parade, according to the *Granite City Press-Record*. The tradition of the parade began in 1900 when, on 19 days notice, the Granite City City Council put together 1,200 marchers.

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They spent as much in postage as they recovered in that case.

"Basically, it's work that has nothing to do with delivering benefits to clients. It's something, I guess, to justify the system," said Tope.

"They don't understand that our caseloads have grown and now they've doubled or tripled the workload with these computer lists that come down constantly," Rahm said.

Public Aid spokesman Dean Schott said the checks are required by the federal government. The department would not receive federal funds if it did not meet standards for tracking welfare fraud, he said.

But Rahm said concern over checking the possible overpayments is clouding the idea of serving clients.

"I've had a supervisor tell me if a person's name is on one list, you don't care about them," Tope said.

"You can't do that. You have to care about the people who are sitting right down in front of you. They've got needs," she said.

Details of each case are filling up too much of the caseworkers' time, Tope charged.

"If they don't have a Social Security number, you have to harass them to get that," he said.

"If parents don't have a Social Security number, their children have to be treated as a new case until the parent gets a number."

"Then, when the parent gets a Social Security number, an entirely new case file has to be started again," Tope said.

"We're at the point as taxpayers, and not only union people, that legislators need to investigate the misappropriation of Public Aid funds. We have people that sit up in Springfield and make up all these lists and are not using common sense," Knowles said.

The East Alton caseworkers charged the number of forms sent to the field offices by the Public Aid central offices in Springfield and Chicago has exploded, making it difficult for them to have any time to deal with welfare recipients who come in or call.

Knowles said that, in one case, the agency managed to turn a single form into eight new ones.

"You've got people waiting up at the front desk for 2½ hours," Rahm said.

She said the long waits have caused impatience and tense situations at times.

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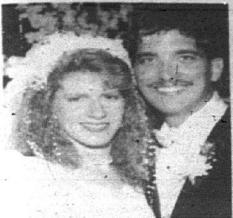
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Mr. and Mrs.
Ronald Counts

Counts-Williamson

Connie L. Williamson and Ronald H. Counts were married Oct. 24, 1992, at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisherkeller.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry Williamson of St. Louis and Margaret Rice of Granite City.

The groom is the son of Clyde and Gloria Counts of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Mary Holder-Hart of Granite City. The bridesmaids were Michelle Williamson, Kyu-soon DePew, Michele Grieve and Cathy Rice.

The best man was Edward Williamson of Granite City, brother of the bride. Groomsmen were John Frangoulis, Jeff Green, David Williamson and Dan Counts.

Ushers were Chris Counts, Nicholas Williamson and Richard Chranowski.

The flower girls were Alissa Williamson and Krishen Williamson, nieces of the bride.

The ringbearer was Jason Chranowski, nephew of the groom.

A wedding trip was taken to Orlando, Fla., followed by a three-day cruise to the Bahamas.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1990 graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed as a manager at Famous-Barr Galleria in St. Louis.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of St. Louis University High School and a 1988 graduate of St. Louis University. He is employed as a registered nurse at Southwest Illinois Regional Dialysis Center in Granite City.

College cites student

Krista Morgan of Granite City, a senior at Illinois College, has been named to the fall semester dean's list.

The Illinois College dean's list includes the names of 146 students who compiled a semester grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.

Morgan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Morgan of Granite City and is majoring in math and biology at IC.



Dama L. Sander
and Pfc. Robert B. Jaycox

Sander-Jaycox

Dama L. Sander, daughter of Paula Sander of Hamel, and Pfc. Robert B. Jaycox, son of Edward and Suzanne Jaycox of Granite City, have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Dama is a 1992 graduate of Edwardsville Senior High School and is employed at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville by the Atlantic Economic Society.

Her fiancé is serving in the U.S. Marine Corp, currently stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The couple is planning an April 10 wedding.

Krohne-McDaniel

Christina D. McDaniel and Charles E. Krohne were married May 15, 1992, at City Temple, Granite City, by Pastor Nick Polacknicki.

The bride is the daughter of James and Joyce Whistler and Cletus and Patti McDaniel, all of Granite City. The groom is the son of Harold and Barbara Krohne of Granite City.

The maid of honor was Cheryl L. Swift of Granite City. The bridesmaids were Mary Speck, Erin Andronoski and Wendy Wellborn.

The best man was Scott Speck of Granite City. Groomsmen were Brent Krohne, brother of the groom, and Steve Kinney and Billy Henke.

The flower girl was Tabitha Smith, a cousin of the bride.

The ringbearer was Zachary Smith, a cousin of the bride.



Patricia "Dee" Schultz
and Michael A. Held

Schultz-Held

Patricia "Dee" Schultz, daughter of Don and Brenda Mitchell of Granite City, and Michael A. Held, son of George M. and Brenda Held of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Patricia is a 1993 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and is employed by Rally's of Granite City.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Granite City Senior High School who served four years in the military as a calibrationist electronics specialist; he is employed by Astro of Belleville.

The couple is planning an early 1994 wedding.



Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Krohne

A reception was held at the Croatian Home in Madison.

The couple resides in Granite City.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Granite City High School.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by the Air Force Reserve/Specialized Dispatch.



Mr. and Mrs.
Steven Robert Petrosky

Petrosky-Judd

Angela Sue Judd and Steven Robert Petrosky were married Saturday, Nov. 28, 1992, at City Temple Assembly of God, Granite City, by Pastor Roy Boyer.

The bride is the daughter of Lorenzo W. and Susan Judd of Granite City, and the groom is the son of Robert J. and Barb Petrosky of Madison.

The matron of honor was Bertha Muir, cousin of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Amy Judd, sister of the bride, and Michelle Petrosky, sister of the groom.

Best man was Jeff Beard, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen were Brian Petrosky, brother of the groom, and Steve Beckey, friend of the groom.

Flower girl was Jamie Craig, cousin of the bride.

Ringbearer was Christopher Petrosky, nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Joseph Judd Sr., uncle of the bride, and Jeff Farnese, friend of the bride.

Guest book attendant was Linda Hayden, cousin and godmother of the bride.

Music coordinator was Scott Worley, friend of the bride's family, and Henry Martin, the bride's cousin, was the disc jockey.

Flowers were by Susan Judd, mother of the bride.

Shirley Judd, the bride's aunt, served as cake cutter.

A reception was held at Amvets Hall in Madison.

The couple took a wedding trip to Manhattan, Kan., where they will reside for the next two years.

Angela is a 1991 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and is employed as a Mary Kay beauty consultant.

Steve is a 1986 graduate of Madison High School and is an E-3 with the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.



Nina Gott
and Roy Hogan II

Gott-Hogan II

Nina Gott, daughter of Robert and Karen Bosworth of Madison, and Roy Hogan II, son of Roy and Linda Hogan of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Nina is granddaughter of Peggy Miller of Granite City, Benjamin and Sally Bosworth of Willow Grove and Peggy Gott and the late Vernon Gott of Salem, Mo.

Nina is a 1990 graduate of Madison High School and is employed by A.G. Edwards and Sons of St. Louis.

Her fiancé is a 1985 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and is employed by E-Z Auto of Granite City.

The couple is planning a March wedding.



Jayme Lynn Mercer
and Robert Timothy Byrne II

Mercer-Byrne II

Jayme Lynn Mercer, daughter of Terry and Candace Mercer of Granite City and granddaughter of Faye Mercer of Granite City, and Robert Timothy Byrne II, son of Dennis Byrne of Dow and Annie Byrne of Laverne, Calif., and grandson of Viola Byrne of Granite City, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Jayme is a 1992 graduate of Granite City Senior High School and is employed as a classified secretary at the Granite City Press-Record/Journal.

Her fiancé is a 1992 graduate of Jersey Community High School and is employed by Shop 'n Save in Florissant as a night-time crewman.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

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Briefly

Vanesler hosts DAR meeting

The Drusilla Andrews Chapter of the NSDAR held its December meeting in the home of Jane Vanesler, who served a breakfast snack as the members gathered.

Barbara Williams, treasurer, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance in the absence of the regent. The President General's message was read by Judge Schatz and Vanesler presented a National Defense topic entitled, "One Nation Under God."

The January Good Citizens' Tea was discussed and members were reminded about the business meeting prior to the tea. The need for additional volunteers to fill the proposed slate of officers was stressed. Also discussed was the State DAR Convention, to be held in Effingham in March, and the chapter delegate.

A program entitled "The Origins of Our Christmas Symbols" was presented by several members. Those attending also included Margaret Belt, Georgia Engelke, Alvina Thurau, Dorothy Whitmer, and Emma Schoen.

Holy Hens host party

On Dec. 22 at 1705 Moro St. the "Holy Hens" prayer group hosted a surprise birthday party for Mary Parchment at whose home the weekly meetings are held. Her birthday was Dec. 24, Christmas Eve.

The women enjoyed pink and white decorations of party hats, whistles, balloons and crepe paper, as well as an original funny game, carol singing, jokes, and piano music, as well as humorous songs composed by the honoree. A special time of prayer was offered for all in need.

Gifts, cards, and a "warm fuzzy" box were left unopened because a schedule was being maintained.

The party then moved to Ravanelli's for a buffet dinner. Ray Parchment joined the women there to enjoy dinner with his wife of 31 years.

Those attending were: Florence Weise, Pauline Keel, Bunny Biggs, Almata Haynes, Fleeta Johnson, Marie Carter, Pam Dymas, Janice Gibson, Karen Tucker, Joy Silvey, Kay Horner, Jerri Hursey, Lillian Lance, and Metella Mason.

Others not able to attend sent cards and greetings.

Evening Circle holds party

The Evening Circle of the First Presbyterian Church held its annual Christmas party at Ravanelli's.

Burdine Holtzschler led the group in prayer, after which the members enjoyed a delicious dinner at tables decorated in keeping with the holidays. Favors were small Christmas trees and snowflakes. In lieu of a gift exchange, a monetary gift was collected for the Church Women United's layette fund.

Those attending were Mary Dame, Gladys Fuhrman, Burdine Holtzschler, Barbara Landis, Lula Mills, Gladys Pape, Betty Rea, Betty Schmiedake, Vee Throne, Shirley Yates and guest, Evelyn Naney.

Juniors make toy donations

Venice-Madison Unit 307 Junior Group held its Christmas party on Dec. 14 at the Post 307 Home in Venice.

Dinner was served to 24 persons.

Following dinner, the girls made 200 tray favors for the John Cochran V.A. Hospital for Christmas.

Plans were made to take toys and games to Coldwell Bankers in Granite City on Dec. 19 for the Marine Reserves "Toys for Tots" program.

Games were played, with all receiving prizes. There was a gift exchange for the juniors.

Those present were: Amanda Foley, Bobbie Chastain, Melissa Anderson, Cathy Moreland, Rhonda Ballard, Kaleigh Peery, Chelsea Peery, Carrie Baker, Laura Martin, Amber Singleton, Ashley Singleton, Jenna Miller, Megan Miller, Kirsten Yobby, Dennis Singleton, Rita Singleton, Rose Moreland, Carla Peery, Connie Ballard, Sandy Hunter, Loretta Martin, Norma Hillmer, and the two Junior Advisors: Cindy Yobby and Dorothy Hinson.

Senior discussion at SIUE

"The Death Penalty: Exploring The Choices America Makes in Dealing With Violence" will be the topic for the Jan. 27 session of Dialogue with Senior Citizens at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Sponsored by the Gerontology Program at the university, the presentation will begin at 1 p.m. in the Mississippi/Illinois Rooms of the University Center.

Joseph Munshaw, professor of speech communication at the university, will be the presenter. The session will focus on the issues involved in the death penalty in this country.



Rebekah members who made pillows and lap robes are, from left: Daisy Burnett, Ruby Wood, Naomi James, Hattie Jackson, Lydia Hinderson, Verna Mae McGarity, Pearl Wood and Virginia Burris.

Rebekah Lodge makes pillows

The Past Noble Grand Club of Delray Rebekah Lodge 786 of Madison made pillows and lap robes for Colonial Care Nursing Home as their December project.

The group met at the nursing home and distributed the robes and pillows to the residents. All were very pleased with their gift.

Club members attending were: Naomi James, Ruby Wood, Virginia Burris, Pearl Wood, Lydia Hinderson, Daisy Burnett and two guests of the club, Hattie Jackson and Verna Mae McGarity.

The home personnel furnished refreshments to the group with the patients.

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Senior Social Club to meet Monday

The Granite City Seniors Social Club met at the Township Hall for the monthly Sunday of games, with 97 participants in attendance.

President Bernice Mercer opened the meeting with a prayer, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bingo and pinocle were played, 17 attendance prizes were awarded, and 12 special prizes were given. Five members with birthday days in December were recognized and wished a happy birthday.

It was announced that there will be no Sunday afternoon games in January, and that games will be played on Sunday, Feb. 7.

The next meeting of the Social Club will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, with bingo and pinocle.

Cake and coffee were served by kitchen hostesses Marge Hall and Cindy Kawula.

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Granite City senior hockey players Rick Whyres (23) and Chris Goclan move up the ice in a recent game.

Skaters

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during his sixth hat trick of the year. Jaros now has 30 goals on the season.

Jaros scored in each period, and Chris Goclan scored the team's other goal.

"We just outskated and outpassed them," Hinterser said. "There were times where we got frustrated, but we moved the puck the majority of the time."

Jaros scored the Warriors' first goal at 6:55 of the first period on a feed by Goclan, who was behind the net. Jaros ripped a slap shot past Griese.

Jaros beat Griese again early in the second period on a goal assisted by Goclan and Craig Wagner. Goclan scored his 36th goal of the year late in the period on a rush to the net.

Jaros completed the scoring in the third period on a goal assisted by Bill Jacobs, a freshman.

Hinterser said his team's huge edge in shots allowed him to use the younger players.

"It was good for us," Hinterser said. "It wasn't an individual effort. When you get that many shots, everyone gets involved. Every line played well and

Every line played well and moved the puck. If we can get the same execution from our younger kids in the tough games, we might do real well."

—Jake Hinterser
Warrior hockey coach

moved the puck.

"If we can get the same execution from our younger kids in the tough games, we might do real well."

The Warriors were able to cut down on penalties after going through two games full of them. Granite City collected 19 penalties against Eureka and 14 against Hazelwood Central last week. There was a total of 12 penalties for both sides in Monday's game.

Hinterser is hoping the Warriors can stay sharp in their next few games in preparation

for the playoffs. Last weekend, the team played a practice game against Vianney and skated to a 3-3 tie.

Vianney is in the Mid-States National Conference, the better of the league's two tiers. All season, the Warriors have been wondering how they would stack up in what Hinterser calls "Division I."

"Probably about the middle of the pack," Hinterser said.

The Warriors have defeated every American Conference team except two — Mehlville and Lindbergh. Those were the first two games of the year, and the Warriors were without Jaros.

The team will again be without Jaros on Saturday, because the senior point man will be playing for the St. Louis Junior Blues in Detroit. The Warriors, however, have shown they are not a one-man team by any means. Rick Whyres, an experienced senior, will anchor the defense.

"We'll be looking for our younger defensemen to come through," Hinterser said.

Granite City will then return home Monday for a game against St. Mary's, one of the top teams in the Silver Division.

ESL coach Moton keeping cool despite team's rapid success

His demeanor is cool. I'm not talking Duke Ellington cool. I'm talking basketball cool, and I realize there might be some readers of the younger set who probably do not know of the late entertainer-musician.

The basketball cool refers to East St. Louis Senior High School boys varsity coach James Moton. After watching his Flyers gain a 77-61 victory at Belleville West, I appreciate the coach even more.

According to Moton, the "cool" is what comes when you "play within yourself" as he explained to me when I inquired as to how his team could approach the game in a fashion in contrast to teams that want to run all the time and often thereby gain an out-of-control label.

Were I an East Side player and on the side of 6-foot-6 junior center Tyrone Caswell, I'd fall victim to the run and gun because I'd be racing down the court trying to find Caswell as much as I could.

Fact is, Moton is aware there are other Flyers, and after Caswell had scored 10 consecutive first-quarter points, the coach knew he'd have to turn to a balanced attack.

"They have some outstanding athletes and are quick and strong," said West Coach Bill Schmidt before adding, "they also have him."



Art Voellinger

The "him" is Moton, whom Schmidt respects, and the Maroon coach's assessment of the Flyers was accurate on all counts.

While Caswell was held to two points in the second quarter, West outscored the Flyers 19-11 and led 33-32 at halftime before East Side did some defensive work of its own.

In the third quarter, the Flyers held West scoring leader Sean Keefe to one-of-five field goal shooting. The balance of such players as 6-7½ Delancy Donley, 6-5 Rodney Hawthorne and 6-5 Kendall Weston and guards Donald Dace, Frank Spraggins and Thaddeus Griffin led to a 19-8 Flyers run.

Caswell wound up with 27 points, Spraggins put in 12 and Donley had nine, but Moton is not looking too far ahead after improving to 13-3 overall and 5-0 in the Southwestern Conference.

"We've got to improve on our free-throw shooting and our defensive combinations," Moton said.

The remainder of the season

will determine the accuracy of Moton's concern, but with road victories over Collinsville and Belleville West within a seven-day period, the Flyers have to believe Schmidt — who referred to East Side as the area's No. 1 team.

OVERTIME: Caswell's performance against West was no accident. The NCAA Division I prospect has a good instructor in the 6-5 Moton, who had an ample teacher in Louis "Pick" Dehner in 1971 at East Side.

"He'd take me from 2:30 to 3:30 everyday and throw the ball in to me so I could work on my turnaround jump shot and other moves," Moton said of the late Flyer coach.

Caswell thus scored in similar fashion early against the Maroons, although Dehner would have shown more anger when the lanky center missed a slam dunk.

East Side finished at 20-8 in '71, and Moton recalled losing to Granite City in the Edwardsville Sectional.

Among Moton's teammates in high school was Sammy Rives, who grew up with Moton. By coincidence, Moton played college basketball at Northeast Missouri State where he was coached by former Flyer Willard Sims.

Rives recalled playing at Goose Hill with Moton near the

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Freshmen wrestlers pile up individual awards

The Granite City High School freshman wrestling team continued its successful season by placing 11 out of 13 individuals at the Collinsville Invitational last Saturday.

The Warriors, coached by Steve Garland and Steve Cavanaugh, were not contending for a team title. But they would have posted enough team points to finish

ahead of most of the teams in the field. Earlier this year, the Warriors won the Francis Howell North Tournament and the Granite City Freshman Tournament.

Four wrestlers, Jason Wilson, Justin Beam, Brian Schooley and Dan Kaich, won titles. Wilson competed at 125, Beam competed at 130, Schooley competed

at 135 and Kaich was at 145.

The rest of Granite City's place winners were Bob Chaussett at 103 (4th), Mark Mendenhall at 112 (4th), Kevin Feigenhutz at 119 (2nd), James Lamb at 140 (3d), Ted Christensen at 171 (2nd), Jason Potter at 189 (2nd) and Robbie Burgener at 275 (2nd).

Soccer league holding sign-ups

The Quad-Cities Soccer Association is holding open registration for boys and girls born 1980-85. The registration will be held 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in Room 2 of the Brown Recreation Center at Franklin and Ponton Roads. The registration is for children who are not currently in the Quad-Cities program.

The fee is \$25 per child. Payment can be made by cash or check payable to Quad-Cities Soccer Association, and the fee covers both the spring and fall seasons. A copy of a birth certificate is required upon registration. Do not bring originals. For more information, write QCSA, P.O. Box 624, Granite City or call 876-9000.

Local softball team looking for players

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•Devils

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meanwhile, saw another lackluster performance from his team. The Red Devils began the game by falling behind 8-0, and it went downhill from there.

Venice might have turned in a worse performance two weeks ago in a 66-42 loss to Madison, but it was not much worse. "We didn't get off to a good start," Harris said. "We were forcing our shots in the first half, taking long jumpers. Right now, they're playing like a bunch of losers."

Murphysboro took advantage of Venice's early lull by running out to a 18-8 lead in the first quarter. Venice stalled offensively throughout the half, forcing Harris to make countless substitutions.

Murphysboro's Bernard Rogers victimized Venice for 10 of his 18 points in the first half, and the rest of his teammates followed suit. Jeremy Wright, who scored a game-high 20 points, hit a 3-pointer midway through the second quarter to give Murphysboro its biggest lead yet at 27-10. The lead swelled to 37-17 by half-time.

The Red Devils, who were coming off Saturday's 68-48 loss to Jacksonville, shot poorly in both games.

"We played just like we did Saturday," Harris said. "We couldn't hit any of our shots. We had a lot of missed layups."

On the other end of the floor, Murphysboro worked its offense well and converted on numerous back-door layups. The Red Devils were led by Rogers, who hit shots from many different angles and positions on the floor.

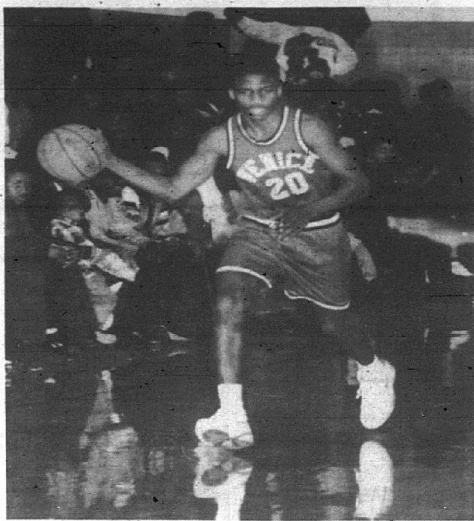
Rogers, a guard standing just 5-foot-9, also excelled defensively. He led his team in rebounding with nine boards.

"He's done that to most teams," Stewart said. "Most people leave with their mouths open when they see him for the first time. He plays a lot bigger than he is, and he's so quick. He's played really well for us. He's been our most consistent player."

"He was their best player," Harris said. "He's strong inside. They executed their plays inside real well, which is something we didn't do."

Murphysboro got solid play inside from Wright and 6-5 forward Bill Porter, who scored 10 points.

Venice, which failed to put up 10 points in either the first or second quarter, continued to struggle in the second half. Murphysboro outscored Venice 19-12



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Venice basketball player Orlando Porter came off the bench to score 12 points in Tuesday's loss to Murphysboro.

in the third quarter and took a 56-29 lead into the final quarter. The Red Devils finally started hitting in the fourth quarter. Junior forward Jermaine Ware led the late surge with 15 of his game-high 21 points. Senior guard Orlando Porter took part in the rally, coming off the bench to score six points. Porter finished with 12 points.

Ware had one of his best efforts in the fourth quarter, although it came a little too late for the Red Devils. Ware hit Venice's last field goal of the game to cut Murphysboro's lead to 15 points for the final margin.

"He got a little more aggressive, but we can't play catch-up ball," Harris said.

Venice did not get much production outside of the totals posted by Ware and Porter. Senior guard Cedric Wiley scored just five points, and junior forward Brandon Burnett was held to six. The tournament resumed Wednesday, with Murphysboro

taking on Waterloo. Venice took the night off, while Sparta played Lebanon.

Venice will try to get out of its slump at 6:30 p.m. tonight against Waterloo. The Red Devils will then play Lebanon at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Sparta at 8 p.m. Saturday.

The Red Devils, who have lost five of their last six games, began their skid at the Freeburg Holiday Tournament. Their only win since then came at the expense of Gibault last week.

Harris does not know what to make of his team's struggles. At times, the Red Devils have played well. When Venice defeated Sumner 62-60 at home last month, Harris thought his team was on its way to a strong year.

"I think they can play well," Harris said. "I just don't know what's wrong."

•Trojans

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the clock expired.

Fitzsimmons scored 14 of his game-high 32 points in the final period despite playing with four fouls.

The Crusaders, now 13-3, were down 62-53 after three quarters. With 1:56 remaining and Madison clinging to a three-point lead, Jacquot drove to the basket and collided with a Madison player as the ball went in. But Jacquot was called for a charge and the basket was disallowed — nullifying a potential game-tying three-point play.

Madison coach Al Collins said his team's defense was a key to the game. The Trojans built a 61-46 lead with 3:01 left in the third quarter, but their intensity disappeared soon after.

"Our defense totally broke down," Collins said. "You can't do that with scorers like they have. If you do you know you're in trouble. Fitzsimmons is better than what I've heard. You just can't leave him open."

Yet Althoff was lucky to be in the game after the first quarter. The Crusaders hit only two of 11 shots from the field while making eight of 10 from the free-throw line. Fitzsimmons was one for seven from the field.

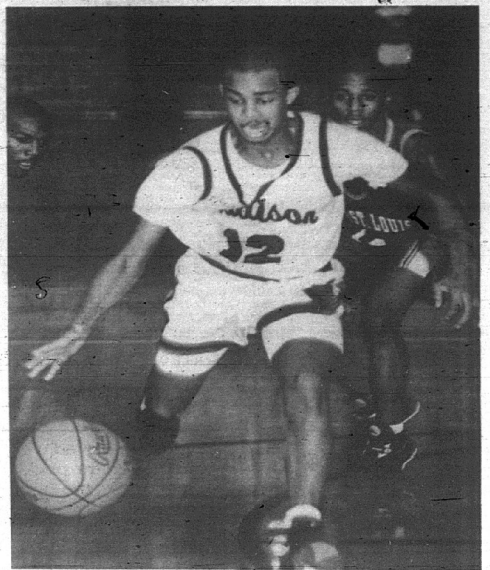
Madison led after the first eight minutes, 25-12. They connected on 12 of 20 field goals.

But Fitzsimmons and the Crusaders came back to cut the Trojan lead to 44-37 at halftime. The 6-6 junior was six of eight from the field, and he scored 12 of Althoff's 25 second-quarter points.

Madison's Robert Weathers also had a strong quarter, scoring eight of his 23 points. The senior guard scored the Trojans' last six points of the half.

"We cracked down on defense and we came out great," Weathers said. "We heard how Althoff said they would beat us and we wanted to put the words back in their mouth. Looking at the competition, this was one of my best games."

Ronnie Williams led Madison with 27 points and grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds while playing with sore ribs for the better part of the second half. Douglas Griggs and Eugene Wil-



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Madison guard Eugene Williams hit two free throws with 10 seconds left to preserve the Trojans' win Tuesday.

liams finished the game with nine points apiece.

Collins said his team has been playing well enough to compete with anyone in the tournament — including Althoff, which recently received the No. 1 seed in the Trenton Weslin Class A Regional. Madison is seeded second in an eight-team field that includes Venice, Dupu, Freeburg, Lebanon, Lovejoy and the host school.

"The last seven games, we've

been playing extremely well offensively," Collins said. "The people that made the (tournament) seedings haven't been watching us lately. I couldn't believe that we were playing Althoff in the first round. We were glad to play them, though. Maybe we'll go at it again in the regionals."

Jacquot scored 21 for Althoff and Ryan Knox and Curt Foppe added 12 points apiece.

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GCHS to present 'Bus Stop'

The Speech Department of Granite City Senior High School will present its winter play, "Bus Stop," on Thursday, Jan. 28, and Friday, Jan. 29.

This romantic comedy by William Inge will be directed by F. Gordon Mueller, speech and drama instructor at the high school. Beverly Scroggins will be the technical director and the set designer.

Curtain will be at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium, and all seats are \$3. Tickets are on sale in the cafeteria during the lunch hours and will be sold at the door. Activity tickets are good for this production.

The "Bus Stop" cast includes: Renee Biggs as Cherie; Pat Jesse, Bo; Gina Hankins, Elma; Dustin Wilkinson, Dr. Lyman; Aaron Belmer, Virgil; Carrie Fleck, Grace; John Buxton, Will; and Mary Thornsberry, Carl.

Student assistants to the director are: Mike Halbrook, Suzanne Hart, Mathilde Pommier, and Trisha Sumpter.

The setting for "Bus Stop" is a cheerful roadside diner in the middle of a howling snowstorm. Romance blossoms between stranded, stubborn and appealing people.

"Bus Stop" was a highly successful motion picture in 1956, starring Marilyn Monroe and Don Murray, and later was a television series.

Grigsby cites students of the month

Grigsby Junior High School has honored 12 students this year as students of the month.

The Grigsby Junior High School selects students of the month on the basis of good character, academic performance and displaying good citizenship qualities throughout the school. Students are nominated by their teachers and voted on by faculty members.

Recently honored for October were seventh grade students Tara Falter and Joe Herman and eighth grade students Amanda Crabtree and Charles Stepanek.

Honored in November were seventh grade students Rachel Rees and Rich Kisser and eighth grade students Brenda Fritzsche and Aja Blount.

Earning the award in December were seventh grade students Scott Smallie and Val Hanks, and eighth grade students Shannon Bishop and Josh Berndt.

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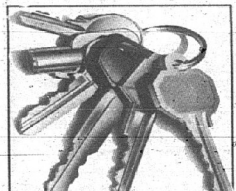
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